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Explosion destroys flats

One person still 'missing' as cause of blast remains unknown

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By George Welch

ONE person remains missing and several more have "sustained injuries" following a huge explosion in Oxford.

Emergency services continue to scour the rubble of a three-storey block of flats in the Osney Lane and Gibbs Crescent area, west of Oxford city centre after the explosion on the marina on Tuesday afternoon.

The explosion flattened the block of flats and shook neighbours who flooded onto the street to see what had happened around 4.45pm.

Thames Valley Police confirmed yesterday that one person remains unaccounted for and is supporting the person's family.

Police said it is "too early" to comment on the cause of the explosion, but have ruled out terrorism.

Six fire crews and up to 40 firefighters attended and Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service confirmed two people were treated for minor injuries and one was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington.

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Fifteen hotels fail checks into child sex exploitation

By Eva Astreinidou

THREE quarters of the hotels and guest houses approached by police in child sexual exploitation tests in Banbury and Bicester failed the check.

The objective of the operation carried out between Thames Valley Police and Cherwell District Council was to test the reaction of front of house staff when a man and girl attempted to book a room.

The tests were carried out in 20 establishments on February 2 and 3 as a follow up to tests undertaken in March last year.

Four of the eight hotels or guest houses visited in Bicester failed the test and were willing to rent a room overnight to a 15 year old girl and a plain clothes police officer without checking the identification of either.

In Banbury five establishments failed the test, while six stated they were full or did not have staff available to make a booking. Only one establishment denied the couple a room.

Sgt Steve Willis of the Bicester Town Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is an issue that Thames Valley Police takes very seriously.

"We feel it is very important to work with as many different organisations and individuals as possible so that more people can recognise the signs of potential exploitation.

"Raising awareness with our local hotels and guest houses about CSE can only lead to safer communities for our children.

"CSE can happen to any child, in any city, town or village.

"Running operations like this allow us to practically test how local businesses react to a potential CSE and we can then use the results of such operations to help shape further staff training.

"We will work with the businesses that failed the test to ensure they check identification when an adult attempts to book a room with a child.

"It was pleasing to see that some hotel staff asked probing questions to our covert police officer and the girl, and then subsequently reported their concerns to the police. This is exactly what we want to see."

Deputy Police Commander for Cherwell and West Oxfordshire local police area, Chief Inspector Emma Garside, said: "The results of this test purchasing operation show valuable lessons are still to be learned.

"Our inability to book more hotel rooms was found to be more due to lack of availability rather than the actions of hotel staff.

"In every case where it is believed that a customer is seeking to obtain a hotel room for a person under 18 years of age, staff should ask for identification of all guests and contact police immediately with their concerns.

"There is a Hotel Watch scheme in place and these operations will continue to ensure the safety of those living and working in our area."

Cllr Tony Ilott, lead member for public protection, said: "We all have a duty to keep a watching eye out for anything that we may think is suspicious.

"I would encourage anyone who suspects that they may have seen something untoward, to be proactive in reporting any such incidents."

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Oxford says 'yes' to Fairtrade this Valentine's Day

STUDENTS at Oxford University are campaigning for more colleges to become Fairtrade Accredited.

More than 20 different colleges are currently involved with the Oxford Fairtrade Campaign, which started in September last year and fights to reduce poverty by helping disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal.

Over the next two terms students from multiple Oxford colleges will put forward a JCR motion in the hope of making their college Fairtrade accredited.

Motions in three colleges have already been passed and are moving onto the next stages of planning, with many more set to follow the campaign group said.

The Oxford Fairtrade Campaign said it wants to send a message to companies'.

The group said: "By becoming Fairtrade certified, we are sending a message to companies that the lives of producers around the world matter.

"Until companies know that we value human lives over cheap products, they will not make the long term, high impact changes necessary to ensure justice at every stage of their supply chain.

"As a world-famous institution Oxford has a responsibility to makes its position clear and call for justice."

The campaign is being jointly run by Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) and Just Love.

Anne-Marie Baston, president of Just Love, said: "Lady Margaret Hall and Christ Church already have Fairtrade certification - there is no reason every Oxford college should not follow."

Ailsa McKinlay, of Corpus Christi, Magdalen College said: "Fairtrade does not solve every problem, but it is a significant and realistic step forward that we can take together."

Man charged with murder after stabbing

POLICE have charged a man following a fatal stabbing in Headington on Monday afternoon.

Egidio Da Silva Alves 27 of The Slade Oxford, was arrested on Monday and charged yesterday with one count of murder and possession of a bladed article.

Thames Valley Police officers and ambulances were called to the incident in Windmill Road just after 3pm, where the victim, named as Domingos Romalho, had sustained stab wounds.

Mr Romalho was taken to John Radcliffe Hospital where he later died. The man's next of kin have been informed.

Thames Valley Police launched a murder investigation after the fatal incident.

On Tuesday, Senior Investigating officer Det Insp Dave Hubbard, from Thames Valley Police's Major Crime unit, said, "I am aware that this will be a concerning incident for the local community.

"We believe this to have been an isolated incident, and we are now conducting a thorough investigation. Members of the public may see an increased police presence in the area over the coming days whilst we conduct enquiries."

He added, "Thankfully we have already had a number of members of the public come forward with information."

Alves appeared at Banbury Magistrates Court on Wednesday morning.

Blast rips through flats

• *From front page*

Mill Street was closed and others injured were treated on the scene by emergency services.

The area was still cordoned off yesterday morning as emergency crews searched wreckage overnight.

Supt Joe Kidman LPA Commander for Oxford City LPA, said, "This was a very concerning incident and emergency services are likely to have a significant presence in the area in the coming days.

"I am aware that this incident will have significant impact on the community and [we] will aim to support those who need it most and hopefully minimise the disruption to those have been evacuated and the wider community."

Kerry Blair Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue's incident commander confirmed that 25 firefighters remain on the scene as emergency services continue a search of the area.

He added in a statement shortly after 3.30pm yesterday saying, "Work has been taking place to seek to give us the ability to reduce the current extent of cordon and allow the phased return of some residents to their homes."

A number of homes were evacuated and residents were relocated by Oxfordshire County Council's Emergency Planning and social care teams and Oxford City Council.

Ch Insp Marc Tarbit, Deputy Local Police Area Commander for Oxford, said: "We are keeping an open mind as to the cause of the incident however we are not treating it as terrorism-related. We are continuing to ask members of the public to please avoid the area to allow the emergency services to work at the scene."

One resident, who wished to remain anonymous told the Guardian that she was trapped in her home after rubble barricaded her front door.

After escaping through her French windows in her pyjamas she congregated with other fleeing residents at the nearby Oxford Community Church.

Fire crews from The Slade in Headington, Kidlington and Wheatley have all attended the scene and have been aided by urban search and rescue teams from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood took to Twitter to say: "Thoughts & prayers with all affected by #Osney Mead explosion. Grateful to all emergency responders for bravery & professionalism."

Conservative candidate for Oxfordshire County Council's Minster & Hanborough Division Liam Walker tweeted "Shocking news in #Oxford about a block of flats being on fire due to a gas explosion. Hoping residents are safe. Thoughts with all on scene."

• The scene the morning after the explosion Picture: Alex Ismail

• Picture: Alexander Hemmings

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Armed robbery

OXFORD Police are appealing for witnesses after a robbery in Yarnton.

Thames Valley Police released CCTV images after the robbery on Monday night.

The offender walked into Fraser's Bridgens store and petrol station on the A44 at about 11pm and demanded money from staff while holding a revolver style firearm.

A shop employee put the cash in a bag which the offender took before fleeing the scene.

No members of staff were hurt during the offence.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Oliver Jacques of Force CID said "If you saw or heard anything unusual in the area last night please contact police.

"We are conducting a thorough investigation including enquiries at the scene and reviewing CCTV. We are also trying to establish whether the firearm was real or an imitation."

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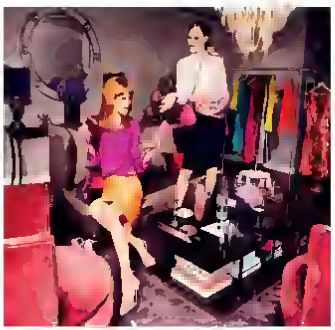

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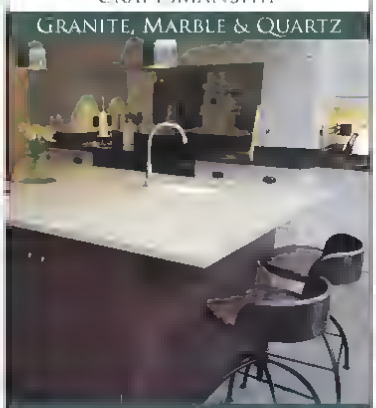

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£300k scheme to help children's centres

By Eva Astreinidou

PROPOSALS to help 12 more children s centres with £305,883 are among the latest moves to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has introduced the start up funding for 12 more community schemes to run open access services at children s centres

Community services will run alongside the council s new service for 0 to 19 year-olds This new service aims to ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage and that the needs of children at risk of abuse and neglect are met.

Thirty-four locations will continue to receive the open access services whilst the new applicants will have a chance to bid for the pot of money

Those approved in the first round include Bloxham Primary School, Carterton Children s Centre Elms Road Children s Centre, Grandpont Children s Centre, Marston Northway Children s Centre, and Red Kite Children's Centre

The total that could be awarded to each ranges from £10 000 to £35 000

• Melinda Tilley

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and family services, Melinda Tilley said, "The response of local communities has been fantastic, and we are well on the way to seeing solutions in place at the vast majority of children's centre locations It has never been the council s intention to close children s centres – quite the opposite in fact

"I suspect many people didn't think this was possible, but we now have the makings of s truly countywide distribution of locations where 'drop-in children's services will continue to operate"

The proposals will be recommended for approval by OCC s cabinet on February 21

List of applicants / children s centres recommended for second round transition funding:

- Ace Centre Charity (Ace Centre, Chipping Norton): £29 983
- Barton Community Association (Barton El Satellite, Oxford): £14 000
- Employment Action Group (Berinsfield Children's Centre): £35,000
- Friends of Britannia Road (Britannia Road Children s Centre, Banbury): £10 000 (* interim award pending submission to final round)
- Chalgrove Primary School (Chalgrove and Watlington Children s Centre) £30,000
- Faringdon Town Council (Faringdon Children's Centre): £30 000
- Grove PCC (Grove and Wantage Children s Centre): £10 000 (*interim award pending submission to final round)
- Kidlington with Hampton Poyle PCC (Kaleidoscope Children s Centre, Kidlington) £35,000
- Friends of Maple Tree (Maple Tree Children s Centre, Wheatley): £30 000
- Cuttslowe Community Association (North Oxford Children s Centre): £30 000
- D-two (Rainbow Children s Centre, Henley) £21 900
- Wallingford Town Council (Wallingford Children's Centre): £30,000

List of proposals approved in first round

- Bloxham Primary School (Butterfly Meadows Children's Centre): £29 384
- Carterton Town Council (Carterton Children s Centre): £30,000
- Batley Bridge (Elms Road Children's Centre Oxford) £30 000
- Grandpont Nursery (Grandpont Children s Centre, Oxford): £35 400
- St Nicholas Primary School (Marston Northway Children s Centre): £8,000
- Sharing Life Trust (Red Kite Children s Centre Thame): £30,000

List of bids deferred to final round for more work but supported in principle

- Affan Nursery (Florence Park Children s Centre Oxford)
- The Nature Effect (Florence Park Children s Centre Oxford)
- Mortimer Hall (Marston Northway Children s Centre)
- The Kings Church Didcot (South Didcot Children's Centre)
- Sunshine Centre (Sunshine Centre, Banbury)
- Witney Methodist Church (Witney Children s Centre)

• James King and Conner Turner graduated from SAE Oxford and haven't looked back since

The Golden Touch

THE stock of musicians who graduated from an Oxford creative institute continues to rise after BBC DJ Danny Howard named their latest hit as the 'hottest record in the world'

House duo NVOY has featured heavily on BBC Radio 1 recently with their new track Golden Touch making Danny s exclusive hottest record in the world list on February 3

Made up of James King, 23, and Conner Turner 22 the pair graduated from Littlemore-based SAE Oxford in 2013 – and they haven t looked back since.

The duo who gigged at Glastonbury and Wildlife, say they produce "glistening dance music fusing elements of future RnB UK bass and house".

Golden Touch is the second song off NVOY's new EP album 'Aurum' to be played by Radio 1, with Make You Mine also recieving airtime.

James told Danny they have been overwhelmed by the success of the new album.

He said "It s only our first EP with Black Butter but for you guys to put it up so much has been so exciting for us

"We re always listening to your show Annie's show, Jam as well, so for you guys to pack it up is huge."

James and Conner formed NVOY while studying for a Bachelor of Audio Production at SAE s Littlemore campus

Marked by their club-oriented dance floor sensibilities, the pair rose at first through internet acclaim on blogs and YouTube channels before releasing You Are in 2015.

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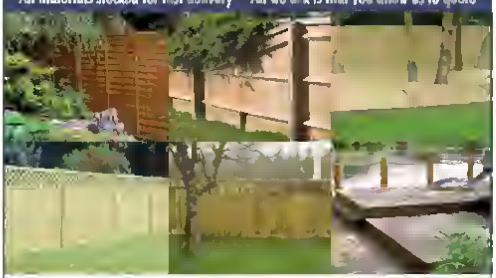
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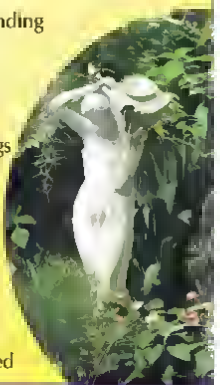
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Groups stand firm against plans for new 'super council'

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORD S Green Party and West Oxfordshire District Council are both holding their ground in their campaigns against Oxfordshire County Council s (OCC) super council.

The Green Groups on both the county and Oxford City councils are united against the One Oxfordshire proposals and are hoping that they can "galvanise opposition" and act as a focal point for those who want to see Oxford retain its own council.

Their 'Save Oxford from Tory rule' campaign highlights the unique nature of local government in Oxford, where there are no Conservative run areas

Councillor David Williams, a member of the Green Party said. "This is not about geography it is about ideology It is wrong to impose a right wing vision of local Government onto the city when they have been successfully managing their own affairs and reflecting the views of their local electorate."

Cllr Craig Simmons leader of the Green group said. "The city is a cost effective efficiently run, local authority that pursues its own agenda.

"While other councils in the county and the county council itself, have been cost cutting and privatising services, the city council is unique in retaining control over service delivery at the same time as maintaining services As the old saying goes 'if it ain't broke – don t fix it '"

• *Craig Simmons and David Williams with other councillors and supporters at Oxford Town Hall*

West Oxfordshire councillors are also working against the 'super council proposals

Residents in west Oxfordshire are being warned against the proposals with the increase in council tax, the end of free parking, and the potential of services declining.

Cllr James Mills, leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said. "Our residents appreciate the fact that we have the lowest council tax in Oxfordshire and offer services such as free parking, which are of huge benefit to everyone.

"The county s proposals will involve creating a whole new council which would take at least two years.

"Meanwhile our roads become ever more potholed, social care shrinks still further and rural bus services continue to disappear "

Cllr Mills is in favour of creating a combined authority model to work towards devolution and subsequently help unlock central government funds

He added. "Rather than spending huge amounts of taxpayers' money on the new council which will undoubtedly increase council tax, we would be able to keep the efficient services and great benefits residents already enjoy as well as delivering the housing and infrastructure that is needed in the short-term "

One Oxfordshire gained further momentum last week when South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils joined the campaign, splitting those in support and those against right down the middle

The two councils released a joint statement on Monday last week that said "Having looked at all the evidence we are convinced that a single unitary council for Oxfordshire provides the best prospect for maintaining high quality services and securing badly needed investment in infrastructure "

The proposals were announced at a press conference on January 18 where councillors claimed that savings delivered by One Oxfordshire could be up to £400,000 a week.

New members welcomed to cadet family

OXFORD local policing area (LPA) welcomed new members to their cadet unit at a ceremony last week.

Five cadets and their families were welcomed to the Oxford policing family by Supt Joe Kidman, Oxford LPA Commander at St Aldates police station on Thursday last week.

The cadets conducted a drill before being awarded certificates

• *New cadets marked the end of their training programme last week*

The ceremony marked the end of the cadet s 15-week training programme, in which they have learnt parade drills, first aid and basic policing skills.

The cadets have supported many events such as the Oxford Half Marathon, Helen & Douglas House Rainbow Run and the Cowley Classic car show

Now attested, the cadets will continue to build on their policing knowledge, meeting on a weekly basis and taking part in community events including crime reduction initiatives and intelligence gathering.

Sgt Paula Greenaway said: "I have been involved with the Oxford cadet unit since the beginning in March 2015 and the lead for a year and a half.

"I am proud to be leading the Oxford cadet unit as they are consistently focussed on supporting the community in many events throughout the year

The cadet scheme aims to provide young people between the ages of 13 and 17, from all backgrounds, with an opportunity to develop their qualities and skills through the programme and to enhance the relationship between the public and the police.

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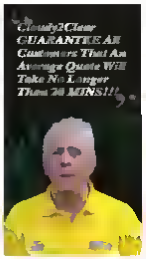

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Man arrested after 164 bikes found in garden

A MAN has been arrested after more than 160 bicycles were seized from his back garden.

Thames Valley Police said they recovered a total of 164 bikes and arrested a 48 year old man on suspicion of handling stolen goods on Tuesday last week.

At about midday on Monday officers found the man pushing one bike and carrying another in Littlemore.

They registered the cycles as stolen and visited the man's home to discover dozens of other bikes.

Officers are now working through the bikes to find out how many have been reported stolen.

Police announced their discovery via Twitter: "160+ bikes seized as a result of a house search following the arrest of a male in Oxford. If we find yours we will be in touch."

The man has been bailed until May 8.

Former scout leader 'targeted boys for sexual gratification'

By Eva Astreinidou

AN EX SCOUT leader guilty of a number of child sex offences in Kidlington has been sentenced to 16 years in prison.

Gary Lane, 52 of Fairfax Road, Kidlington, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

Lane appeared at the same court on January 27 where he pleaded guilty to two counts of rape of a child under 13, one count of sexual assault on a child under 13 and one count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

Lane was sentenced to a 15 year prison sentence with one year to spend on licence. This means that instead of being released on licence after serving half of his sentence, Lane will be referred to the parole board, where they will decide whether it is safe for him to be released or whether he must serve the full term.

Judge Patrick Eccles QC said the defendant will be regarded as an "unscrupulous paedophile", and added that Lane got to know the two boys over time.

Judge Eccles said: "You used the influence to become not only friendly but also to secure their trust to enable your way to 'get at' their sons to worm your way into the affections of the family.

"You contrived to get the affection of the boys. You used your position as someone who had been CRB checked. [Meanwhile] you had your eye on them all the time."

Gary Lane has been jailed for 16 years for committing sex offences against two young boys

Lane, who failed to turn up for court twice last year, committed the offences against two boys between January 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015 and was charged at Banbury Police Station on July 27 last year.

The court was told that the offences started happening against the older boy of the two before Mr Lane turned his attention the younger boy.

The court heard the interviews taken with the boys individually.

One of the boys said: "The first time that I stayed at his house was the bad bit."

Following the sentencing, Specialist investigator Rhys Bevan, from the Child Abuse Investigation Unit said: "I would like to pay tribute to the victims and their families in this case who have displayed the utmost bravery and courage throughout the investigation.

"Lane targeted these boys for his own sexual gratification, and it is down to the courage displayed by his victims in reporting the abuse that a conviction for his distressing crimes was secured.

"I hope that the victims and their families can now try to move forward with their lives, knowing that this man is finally where he belongs."

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Blenheim gets charity status

By George Welch

BLENHEIM Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, has been awarded charity status

Palace chiefs said the move to make the historic house and gardens a World Heritage Site means "critical" restoration works can now be carried out

Chief executive Dominic Hare said "The palace is an extraordinary example of grand 18th century architecture

"However both the fabric of the building and its priceless contents are in need of constant care and attention to help protect and preserve them for generations to enjoy"

The new status means Blenheim Palace can operate a Gift Aid scheme to claim back income tax on donations made by UK taxpayers and apply for grants to support its conservation efforts.

A £350 000 programme of restoration is currently taking place on the historic North Step entrance to the palace which, Mr Hare says, is "just a small part of the annual investment required to maintain both the palace itself and more than 2 000 acres of parkland"

He added. "By establishing ourselves as a charitable organisation we are hopeful we can provide the security to safeguard this globally important heritage site for the future."

The house, which has 187 rooms more than Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle was financed by Queen Anne to celebrate the First Duke of Marlborough's triumph at the 1704 Battle of Blenheim

The new status brings it in line with other world heritage sites such as Stonehenge There are 30 such sites in the UK and over 1 000 across the globe

Sir Winston was born at the palace in 1874, proposed to his wife Clementine there in 1908 and was buried beside his parents in the nearby cemetery of St Martin s Church in Bladon

The palace and its surroundings were a constant source of inspiration and many of his paintings were completed there.

Controversial plans to build 300 homes near the palace on Oxford Road were approved on Monday last week.

Harwell engineers prepare for moon launch

A UK space company based at Harwell Campus will be designing and creating a prototype of a landing sensor for a historic unmanned lunar mission as part of a series of launches that could see the first human habitat on the moon.

Neptec UK won the contract to build the landing sensor ahead of a trip to the south polar region of the moon.

The sensor is being developed by a team of engineers at its offices and laboratory at Harwell Campus in Oxfordshire.

The contract, assigned by Airbus Defence and Space is for the design of a "radar laser" or LIDAR, which forms part of the autonomous landing navigation system called PILOT

Scheduled to launch in 2021, the 'Luna Resource-1 Lander' mission is being undertaken by the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos), in co-operation with the European Space Agency (ESA)

Sue Horne head of space exploration at the UK Space Agency said: "It is great to see such exciting projects coming out of the UK's investment in exploration."

Mike Kearns managing director of Neptec UK, said. "We are extremely proud to be part of this exciting mission that will help establish the Moon as a launch site for human exploration into deeper space.

• Mike Kearns of Neptec with the Lunar Rover

"The LIDAR technology that is being developed for this mission also has significant potential for terrestrial use.

"Vehicle autonomy is an exciting growth industry around the world and LIDAR technology plays a key role in its development."

Kerry Sanz, programme manager of Neptec UK, said "Ninety per cent of the LIDAR design and prototyping work on this phase of the project will be done by UK-based companies and everyone involved is very enthusiastic to be part of this historic mission."

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Support the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year – Play2Give

A 'no brainer' – P2G founder Andy knew he had to help Headway

THE OXFORD PAPER and Oxfordshire Guardian Charity of the year 2017 Play2Give

Andy presented a cheque to Charlie Hayes of Headway at the charity's Christmas party in December

PLAY2GIVE founder Andy Baker, who suffered a brain tumour as a baby and had brain surgery again aged 12, is on course to raise £5,000 for Kennington-based Headway, a charity that supports people affected by brain injuries.

Along with Oxford Children's Hospital, Headway which supports around 450 adults with brain injuries and their carers, is one of two major beneficiaries from P2G's fundraising.

P2G, our charity of the year, begun supporting Headway when Andy was referred to the specialist service in late 2011.

After visiting Headway on a weekly basis as part of his rehabilitation, he has now been part of the centre for nearly five years – and Andy wants to mark the milestone by raising £5,000 for Headway by the end of 2017.

P2G has helped raise more than £4,500 to date, with much of the money contributing towards the redevelopment of Headway's Activity and Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) which was completed last summer.

Now P2G's focus is on helping to raise the final funds Headway needs to create the county's first neurological physiotherapy gym in the voluntary sector, including the equipping of new machines so more people can be helped in their recoveries.

Andy's goal is within touching distance as P2G has already raised over £4,500 through events such as football matches, second hand book sales, support from Sainsbury's Didcot, head shaves, raffles, monster runs and a superheroes spinathon.

Andy said, "For me, by Play2Give giving backing to Headway is a 'no brainer' as they have literally helped me in so many ways and given me so much back.

"I don't think I would be what I have been the past near five years without Headway.

"I am delighted P2G has been able to, with fantastic support, donate over £4,500 so far to a cause that means so much to me."

Andy admitted that living with a brain injury "isn't easy at times", adding: "It can be a challenge, but I never let it get me down. I try to stay positive and focused and I love going to Headway weekly.

"I have so many friends there and the socialisation and interaction is great."

Headway's marketing and events officer Charlie Hayes said: "Play2Give's support is vital to Headway Oxfordshire.

"Andy himself is a shining example of how people with brain injuries can use physical exercise to aid their recovery and we are all inspired by and how Andy now uses his love of sport to help others get the chance to regain their lives."

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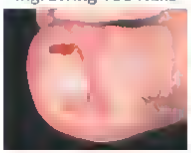

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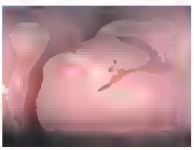

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Finishing touches to popular pantomime

LAUNTON players have been putting the finishing touches to their 31st pantomime, which opens today

Organisers hope this year's show, Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk, will help the players push the £100,000 fundraising barrier

The script has been written by Rod Fine—his fifth for the Launton Players—and is loosely based on the traditional fairy tales

Steve Webber has penned the score and golden couple Martin and Celia Evans celebrate their 31st show as director and producer respectively

Mrs Evans said "We have been raising money for good causes since 1991 and this year we hope to pass the £100,000 mark with Jack and Jill and The Beanstalk

"We have been rehearsing since last November and have just completed panting the set so some of the cast (we have 50 people on stage, and five more in the hand) donned their costumes for a photo session."

More than 100 people are involved in the production, from today to Saturday at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at the Cooper School Performance Hall, off Churchill Road.

• The traditional half-term pantomime gets under way Picture: Barry Miller for the Launton Village Players

CCTV released after theft from children's farm

By Samantha McGregor

A THIEF has stolen thousands of pounds of equipment from an Oxfordshire visitor attraction for disabled children

A burglar struck in the early hours of last Wednesday morning at Fairytale Farm in Southcombe, Chipping Norton.

But unluckily for the culprit, the break-in was caught on camera.

Owner Nick Laister has released the video footage and is appealing for help to catch the thief.

Mr Laister said about £3,000 worth of power tools, which were kept in a workshop were stolen.

He said "At just after 3am on Wednesday morning a thief wearing trainers and a hoodie, using a mobile phone as a torch, broke into the Fairytale Farm workshop building.

"Sadly he stole all of our power tools including angle grinders, drills and jigsaws, and all of our specialist equipment and attachments, that we have collected over the last nine years since we started building the farm

• CCTV images of the theft have been released

"Our initial estimates are that power tools to the value of around £3 000 have been stolen. It is a big setback for us because we have to secure funding for everything we do

"But what the thief did not realise was that we had CCTV cameras recording the area in front of the workshop, so we caught him on camera."

The CCTV footage shows the man walking into the building empty handed and back out again with the farm's power tools.

Mr Laister, who along with his wife set up the farm attraction in 2013, said "Eventually he spots the CCTV camera and moves it so that it is pointing up to the sky but not before going right up to the camera to do this

"We have uploaded the footage onto our YouTube page and we would ask people to look at the footage and if you think you might know the person who did it, please contact Thames Valley Police and quote crime reference number 43170040318 "

The farm was the UK's first visitor attraction for disabled children. The couple were inspired by their daughter Olivia, 13, who has cerebral palsy, and wanted to create an attraction she could have enjoyed alongside her siblings

Mr Laister said the theft did not stop the farm opening for the 2017 season on Saturday

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Council pledge

N OXON Cherwell District Council has pledged its support to a campaign fighting to save critical care and maternity services at Banbury s Horton General Hospital

Oxford University Hospital Trust suspended consultant led maternity services there last October

The clinical commissioning group has since launched part one of a consultation over health services in the county

Witness appeal

BICESTER Police are appealing for w tnesses after a man was attacked in the White Horse Pub in Churchill Road on Saturday February 4 between 5pm and 6 40pm during the France/England rugby match

Police say the man was involved in an argument with two men and was punched and may have been kicked

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Blitz success

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Be-Spoke weekend of female pedal power

By George Welch

A GROUP of female bike specialists will pedal into Oxford next month for a weekend celebrating women and their bikes.

Mountain bike champions cycling commentators and shop owners are just some of the latest speakers to be announced for the two-day Oxford Festival of Women and Bicycles

Devised by volunteers in the city, the event will include lectures on the science of saddle sores and cycle tours of the Cotswolds

Volunteers at Oxford's Broken Spoke Bike Co-op have announced the full programme for the weekend championing women and bicycles

The event takes place at the East Oxford Community Centre in partnership with The Adventure Syndicate – a group of female cyclists – on March 4 and 5

Organiser Karen McCallum said: "It's about helping people find practical solutions.

"Broken Spoke and The Adventure Syndicate share an ethos of helping women to acquire the tools and skills they need to take matters into their own hands."

There will also be a focus on fitting bodies to bikes, with yoga sessions aimed at improving riders strength and flexibility

More information, including the full schedule, can be found at tinyurl.com/jyn286s

'Cheeky, energetic boy', 10, killed in Topshop incident

AN investigation has been launched after a 10-year-old boy suffered severe head injuries and died in the Topshop store at Reading's Oracle shopping centre on Monday

At around 4.15pm, police were called and found the boy – named as Kaden Reddick, from Burghfield – had suffered the injuries "after an incident involving a store display banner".

He was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, where he was pronounced dead.

His family have paid tribute to him saying: "Kaden was a loving, cheeky energetic boy whose death will leave a huge empty hole in the lives of everybody that knew him. Our house feels empty without him."

They added: "For us the saddest part of Kaden's death is that he will never be able to fulfil his potential. He was looking forward to driving his older brother's moped, driving a car, becoming a teacher, or visiting impossibly distant countries to him such as China. It is so hard to comprehend he will never do these things."

Det Supt Paul Hayles said: "This is a tragic incident in which a boy has lost his life. We are supporting the boy's family to assist them at this very difficult time. We continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this death, a scene watch is in place at the Topshop store and is likely to be in place for some time

"Detectives are working with the local authority and store owners to gather information on how this incident happened."

The store remains closed while investigations continue.

The incident is expected to be referred to the Health and Safety Executive. A date for the post mortem examination has not yet been set.

Man found injured in road

A MAN is in a critical condition after being injured on the A4074.

The 20-year-old man was found on the road suffering from serious injuries just after midnight on Tuesday

He is currently being treated in hospital.

Police say it is likely he had been hit by a vehicle

The road was closed between the Goldenhalls and Berinsfield roundabouts for several hours while officers conducted their investigations.

It was reopened at around 6.30am Thames Valley Police continue to investigate.

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Scientist running for funds in memory of his grandad

By George Welch

AN OXFORD scientist who lost his grandfather to dementia is to pull on his running shoes and run a half marathon to raise funds for charity

Medicinal chemist Dr Stephen Wren will take on the Surrey Half Marathon next month for Alzheimer's Research UK.

The 45-year-old dementia researcher started running when he turned 40 and has been doing marathons ever since.

While training for the Abingdon Marathon last year Stephen was injured and had to pull out, but has bravely signed up for the Surrey run on March 12 after recovering.

Stephen, a dementia researcher at the Alzheimer's Research UK Oxford Drug Discovery Institute at Oxford University works to find novel ways of treating dementia by looking at the mechanisms behind the condition.

The institute is part of the wider Drug Discovery Alliance funded by Alzheimer's Research UK, which also includes centres at Cambridge University and University College London

Stephen, who lives in Aylesbury, joined the institute in June 2015 after the charity inspired him to raise as much money for the disease as he could.

He said, "Dementia is an increasing problem throughout the world It's important to realise that dementia isn't caused by growing old—there are scientific mechanisms behind it and, with enough research, we can beat it.

"My grandad had dementia and it was very sad watching him decline This gives me extra motivation to do all I can to find a treatment for the condition.

"It affects so many people – not just those who are diagnosed, but also the people around them.

"Dementia research is severely underfunded compared to other major diseases, which is why I've decided to fundraise for Alzheimer's Research UK by running the Surrey Half Marathon.

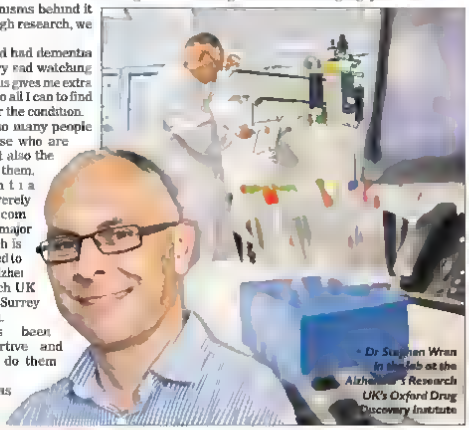
"Everyone's been really supportive and I hope I can do them proud."

Stephen has so far raised £220 of his £300 target.

Kenneth Foreman, sporting events manager at Alzheimer's Research UK, said, "We want to say a big thank you to Stephen for supporting Alzheimer's Research UK and taking on the challenge of the Surrey Half Marathon

"When 47 million people around the world are living with dementia, it's important we do everything we can to find an effective treatment."

To support Stephen, visit tinyurl.com/gu4gkyx



Dr Stephen Wren in the lab at the Alzheimer's Research UK's Oxford Drug Discovery Institute

Primary praised as 'pupils can't wait to come to school'

INSPECTORS from Ofsted have praised the standards of teaching at St Christopher's CE School in Cowley Oxford.

After their visit to the school, Ofsted officers who inspect standards in education and services that care for children and young people praised the teaching, learning and personal development at the school.

The inspectors, who visited the school in January rated it as 'good in all areas

The report stated. "The headteacher's vision and dedication has transformed the school.

"She has made sure pupils welfare and safety is the top priority and raised aspirations among staff of what pupils can achieve As a result pupils are happy keen learners who, as one parent said, can't wait to come to school in the morning."

The inspectors praised the curriculum, stating: "Pupils enjoy a wide variety of lessons taught by specialists including Spanish, computing and art

"Pupils further hone their literacy and numeracy skills across the whole curriculum; leaders place an emphasis on real life problem solving to develop skills of independence and leadership and to help prepare pupils for their next stages of education

"Pupils from all backgrounds thrive in this inclusive school.

"The vast majority of pupils are confident, self-aware and are happy to talk to adults about their school and their learning."

Headteacher Sheenagh Broadbent said. "This is such a great outcome for our school which reflects on the all the hard work of my talented staff team over the last few years

"Our children are just fabulous and I'm so pleased that the inspectors could see how much they all enjoy coming to school and being part of one large family here."

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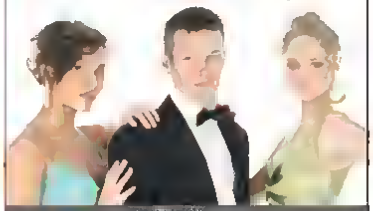

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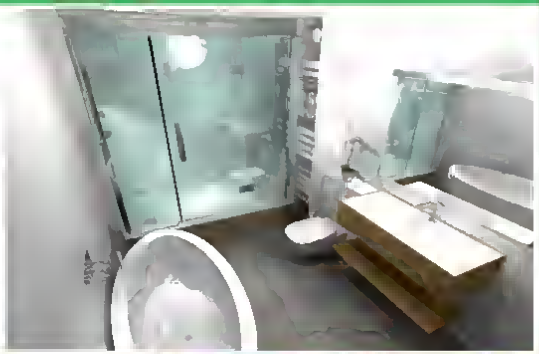

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Go ahead given for museum upgrade

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS to upgrade Thame Museum to tell the "story of Thame for future generations" have been approved.

The current 1980s extension will be demolished and replaced by a new single-storey extension, as well as a new entrance foyer, cafe, library and storage facilities.

New steps and a ramp will be added to the front of the building and together with the new entrance will give the museum "greater street presence" on Thame's High Street.

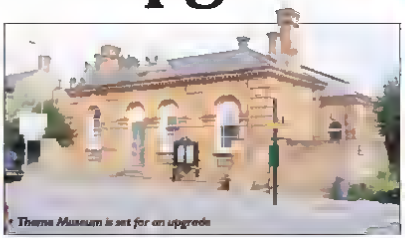
The layout of the current building, which lies within the conservation area, is disjointed and areas such as reception, the library and research area, museum shop and informal rest and meeting space are not grouped together, causing staffing problems.

Cllr David Bretherton, trustee of Thame Museum, said: "We are delighted that planning permission has been given for an extension to the museum building.

"Whilst getting to this stage has taken a great deal of effort, more work lies ahead of us to tighten up the specification and gain funding."

Plans were approved by South Oxfordshire District Council earlier this month.

Residents in nearby The Maltings raised a string of concerns over the plans, including that design was out of keeping with the area, that it would overlook a private garden, mess and noise disturbance during construction and the extension would be overbearing.



• Thame Museum is set for an upgrade

The museum is housed in the former magistrates court which was bought by the town council in 2004.

It opened as a museum in 2007 and since then has become a "valuable community asset", attracting about 4,000 visitors a year.

It is staffed by volunteers and hosts a "growing" number of exhibits as well as guest collections.

The planning report said: "Officers consider that the proposed extension would be of a design and scale that would be in sympathy with the established character of the conservation area.

"In my opinion, the extension would not be overbearing on neighbouring properties. The extension would no doubt change the character of The Maltings and may make the road feel very slightly more enclosed because the side wall of the building would be positioned in the place of the existing boundary wall."

Cllr David Dodds, chair of Thame Museum, added: "We can now start making plans about the way we tell the story of Thame for future generations.

"The approved plans will also enable the museum to have a greater street presence by restoring its original frontage."

New snow wardens rise to challenge

FAMILY butcher Steve Betts has joined the call for volunteer snow wardens in Banbury.

Staff at Mr Betts' Church Lane shop were first to receive safety equipment and training after Banbury Town Council appealed for shops and offices to help keep town centre pavements free of snow and ice.

The town centre scheme is an extension of an initiative started by the council in 2013 that now has almost 100 volunteers who take responsibility for gritting roads and pavements where they live.

Businesses have now been asked to get involved by gritting pavements outside their premises.

Mr Betts said: "The safety of our customers is very important to us and we are pleased to be part of this scheme.

"Spreading a bit of grit will take little time or effort but the benefits could be very significant.

• Staff at Betts Butchers sign up as snow wardens

"If our actions prevent shoppers from falling, then it is worthwhile.

"The council supplies everything we need and shows us how to do the job efficiently."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, leader of the town council, said: "I'm sure many people will be grateful to him and his staff if we have snow or another spell of icy weather.

"Snow wardens are valued members of the community. They keep roads, pavements and footpaths safer for everyone."

News Bites

Canal Day cancelled

BANBURY Town councillors have cancelled this year's Banbury Canal Day because it will clash with building work to extend Castle Quay shopping centre.

The council said construction work is due to start this summer and areas used by Canal Day would become out-of-bounds.

General services committee chairman Cllr Colin Clarke said the call had not been made lightly but they needed to make an early decision.

Film raises £1,500

THAME A charity film night hosted by Thame's mayor Linda Emery earlier this month has raised £1,466.

Film goers watched Bridget Jones's Baby at The Player's Theatre, in Thame, on Friday February 3.

The cash was raised from ticket sales and a raffle on the night and will be split between the mayor's chosen charities the Red Kite Children's Centre and Thame Youth Projects.

Have a say on plan

CHINNOR Residents are being urged to have their say on a draft local plan for the town.

Chinnor Parish Council has submitted its draft neighbourhood plan to South Oxfordshire District Council and people have until March 21 to comment.

Afterwards the plan will be submitted to an independent examiner.

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You've decided on a car trade-in. Although you realize selling your car yourself will net you the best deal, the one-stop shopping convenience of huying a new car and trading in the old at the dealership appeals to you

The trouble is, dealers have experience on their side, and extracting the best deal takes research, savvy and a bold approach. Below are the eight hest ways to navigate a car trade-in.

1. Research the value: There are numerous Web sites where this information is available.

After you've checked these resources, you'll he armed with the high-end and low-end sale values for your car. When the dealer asks what you want for your car, hit them with the high end of a realistic price

2. Make sure the time is right: Convertibles don't sell well during Oxford's grey, winter months, hut four-wheel drive vehicles do. Likewise, if you owe more on your car trade-in than you think you'll get from a dealer, you're in a very weak hargaining position.

Follow the news and trends, When petrol prices go up, people demand more fuel-efficient cars and the values of larger cars and SUVs go down

3. Spruce up the car: Give the car the equivalent of "curb appeal" so the potential buyer's initial reaction is positive.

You should rid the car of any pet or smoke odors. If needed, take it to a dealer or a detail shop and ask for an ozone generator to remove unpleasant smells, or have it valeted.

Remove all your personal items, wash it and vacuum the inside. There should be nothing to stand in the way of the car dealer visualising your car on his forecourt.

4. Show your records: If you've kept all the maintenance records on your car, take them with you and ask the dealer if you can get more for your car because of them

5. Negotiate the new purchase and car trade-in separately: Conventional wisdom dictates that each transaction should be treated separately. However, rather than negotiating the new car price first, we suggest you start the deal with the car trade-in, especially if you have a fairly sought-after car

The trade-in is the weakest part of the deal. But if you bave something desirable, the only reason the dealer won't take it is if he already has two or three of the same vehicle on his forecourt.

6. What should you say?: Start your negotiation by letting the salesperson know you've done some research. "Say something like, 'I was researching cars online to see what I can get for this car,' not 'it's worth £4,000 and not a penny less'

7. Avoid game playing: Make a phone call before you go, ask the used-car manager what the value of your trade-in is. If you get a negative feeling on the phone, you'll want to scratch them off your list and save yourself a trip

The dealer will agree a value for your car and offset this against the price of your new vehicle. However if you change your mind and decide to sell privately you must let the dealer know immediately.

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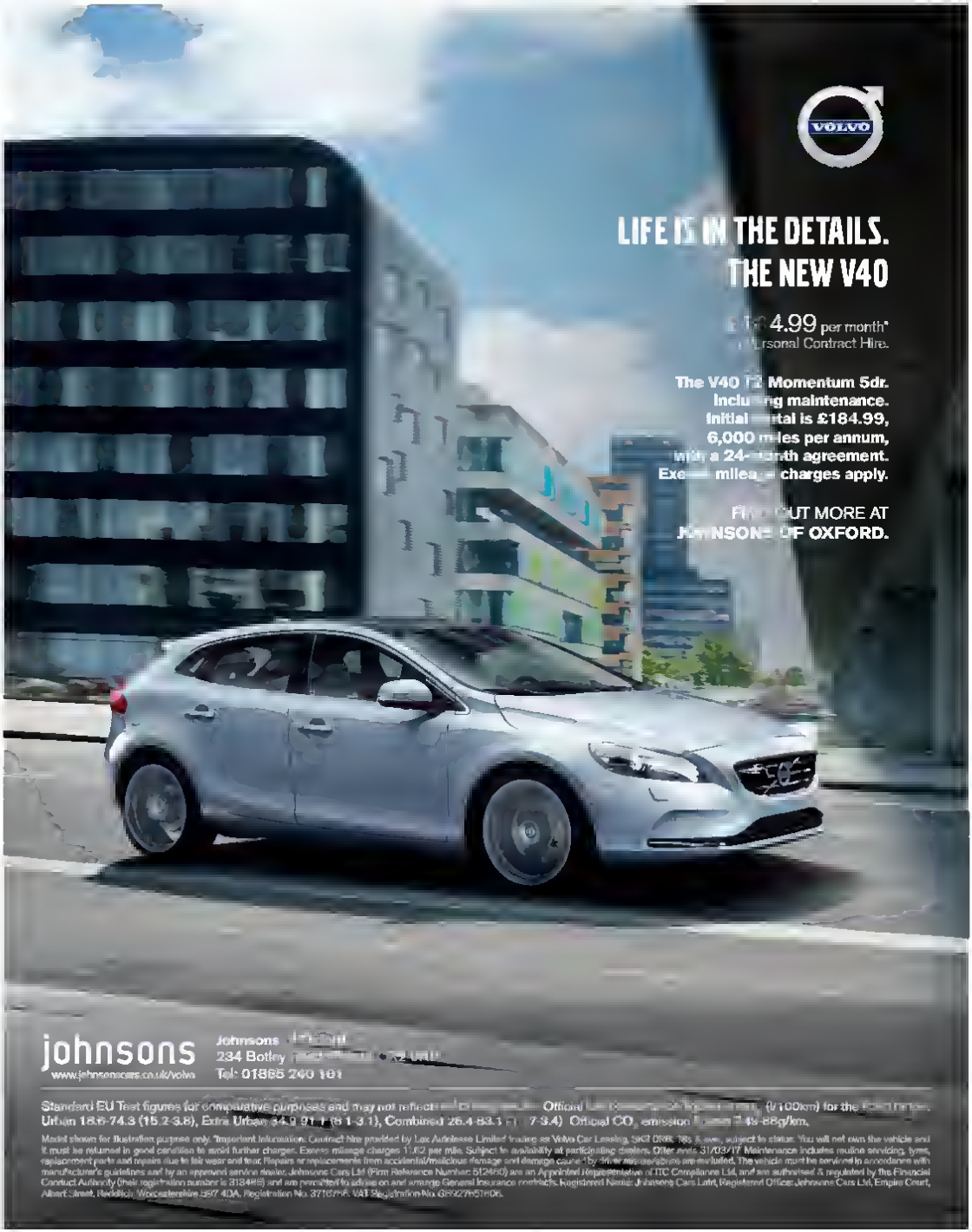
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Volvo Cars gives the new face of Volvo to the V40

Volvo Cars gives its bestselling V40 and V40 Cross Country the new face of Volvo for Model Year 2017, with trim updates across the range.

CENTRAL to the model year exterior updates are new LED 'Thor's Hammer' headlights, resulting in a confident new look shared with Volvo's new XC90, S90 and V90. In the UK, these all LED lights mark the V40 and V40 Cross Country out as the first models in the segment to get LED headlights as standard across the range. Also new are grille meshes featuring the updated and more visually striking Volvo Iron Mark.

"The V40 is the best selling Volvo model in the UK, making it a vital car for the company. With the updates for Model Year 2017, we're making this already very successful model even more attractive to customers," said Nick Connor, Managing Director of Volvo Car UK.

The exterior update includes the addition of eight new wheels across the V40 and V40 Cross Country models, and five new colours to the V40 range, including the completely new Amazon Blue and Denim Blue, as well as three colours already used by other models in the Volvo Car UK portfolio: Bursting Blue, Mussel Blue and Luminous Sand.

Continuing its innovative approach to powertrain engineering, Volvo has reduced CO2 emissions on its popular D2 manual powertrain to just 89 g/km in all trim level and wheel options.

The V40's trim structure has also been changed in line with that of the new XC90. Customers can now choose from Momentum and Inscription versions, along with the sports-inspired R-Design and the rugged Cross Country.

In a cue taken from the award winning Volvo Concept Estate, a new upholstery called City Weave will be added. Several new interior panel trims will also be offered. Milled Aluminium, Black Grid Aluminium and Stealth Aluminium. New tread plates will be added for the R-Design and Inscription trim levels, and an updated key fob with the new Volvo logo will be available.

Volvo On Call

The Volvo On Call smartphone app, which allows remote access and control over a wide range of in-car features, receives a substantial update. Volvo On Call already delivers wearable connectivity (Apple Watch/Android Wear), and the new Microsoft Band 2 connectivity now enables voice-control for certain features when using Windows 10-based smartphones.

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With a limited run of just 500 cars the six model range will be heralded by the flagship Launch Edition. Powered by a 160ps 2.0-litre SKYACTIV G engine, the Launch Edition is marked out by its unique twin-tone roof, BBS wheels black door mirrors and black rear spoiler Available with a choice of free-of-charge Soul Red or Machine Grey metallic paint, it also comes with a Safety Pack as standard while the exclusive feel continues inside with Alcantara trim and Recaro seats.

Designed to offer a new dimension of open top driving fun, while at the same time staying true to the underlying principle of the previous generation MX-5 retractable hardtop the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF's fastback styling gives it a unique appearance roof up or down, broadening the appeal of the world's best-selling two seater sports car

As with the established Mazda MX-5 convertible, all models powered by the 2.0-litre 160ps engine feature a limited slip differential and 17-inch wheels, while Sport Nav models (and the Launch Edition) feature Bilstein dampers and strut brace to further enhance their dynamic set up Plus with the introduction of the £27,095 Sport Nav Auto the current generation of MX-5 is offered with an automatic gearbox for the first time in the UK. Offered in both SE-L Nav and Sport Nav trim, RF's powered by the 1.5-litre 131ps engine will arrive in dealerships in May

Developed to deliver enhanced cabin comfort and a refined ride while at the same time maintaining the agility, performance and driver engagement of the MX-5 convertible, the suspension and electric power steering parameters of the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF have been specifically tuned for the Retractable Fastback. In addition, a sound-absorbing headliner used in the front and middle roof panels combines with sound insulation around the rear wheel housings to deliver a significantly quieter cabin when the roof is closed.

"With the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF we freed ourselves from traditional ways of thinking and took on fresh challenges in order to create something new Our aim was a convertible sports car with gorgeous fastback lines when the roof is closed and an exhilarating open-air feeling when open"...commented Nobuhiro Yamamoto, Mazda MX-5 Programme Manager

The MX-5 RF's retractable hardtop consists of front, middle and rear roof sections, and a rear screen When the top is lowered the front and middle portions are stowed together while the rear glass sits behind the seats, leaving the rear roof section in place to create a unique open-topped look, and a cabin feeling that combines a sense of open air freedom with the impression of being securely ensconced within the car

On the Launch Edition the front and middle roof sections feature a piano black finish that contrasts with the Soul Red or Machine Grey metallic paint which both use Mazda's unique "TAKUMINURI" paint process to deliver glossy depth and nuanced shading that intensifies the contrasts between light and shadow with its high-density finish, giving the impression that the body was sculpted from a solid block of steel.

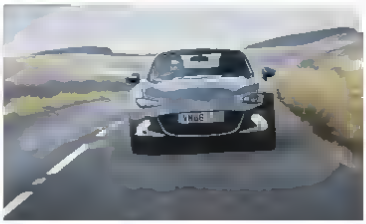
Building on the all-new Mazda MX-5's award-winning design, the RF's roof up style will set it apart when it arrives on UK roads early next year A 5mm increase in roof height aside the RF retains the same overall length, width and wheelbase as the MX-5 convertible, but thanks to gently downward

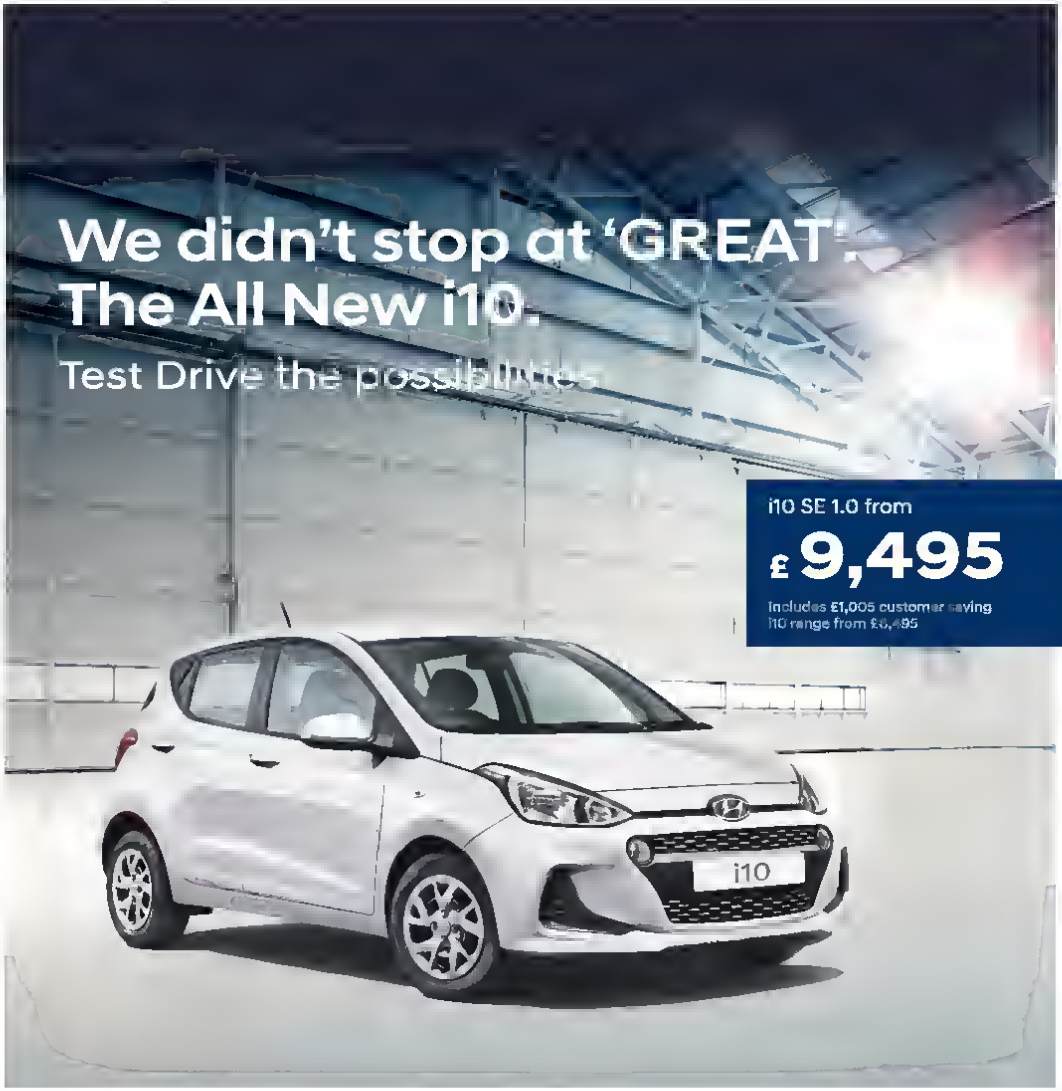
sloping buttresses that tuck in at the sides to create a tear drop shape the RF's elegant fastback silhouette accentuates the MX-5's dynamic and contemporary sports car proportions in a completely unique way

"If we consider the convertible model to represent the purist of lightweight sports car appeal, the new Retractable Fastback epitomises a new type of MX-5 that aims to be a compact sports car with a natural charm that everyone will find beautiful", commented Masashi Nakayama, Mazda MX-5 Chief Designer

With pre-order now open, the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF will arrive in dealerships on the 4th March 2017 and promises to add another chapter in the MX-5 success story Jeremy Thomson, Managing Director of Mazda Motors UK said, "we're very excited about the arrival of the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF It will add a unique and stylish model to our range one that stands distinct from the MX-5 Convertible, yet retains all the award-winning driver appeal our sports car is famed for

Adding, "with over 120 000 sales since its launch in 1990, the UK has played a huge part in the MX-5 success story The last generation of retractable hardtop accounted for a large percentage of MX-5 sales and we expect the all-new RF to continue that trend."





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Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for All new i10 range: Urban 36.2 (7.8) – 57.6 (4.9), Extra Urban 56.5 (5.1) – 80.7 (3.5), Combined 47.9 (5.9) – 70.6 (4.0), CO_2 Emissions 139 - 93 g/km. These official EU test figures are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not reflect all driving results. Model shown: All new i10 SE 1.0 at £9,495 OTR (including £1,005 customer saving) and does not include extra cost. On the road (OTR) price shown includes customer saving, all discounts where applicable, VAT, vehicle registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. Available and savings are subject to availability while stocks last and are only available on new cars acquired and registered in the UK (excluding Channel Islands or Isle of Man) between 4th January 2017 and 31st March 2017 inclusive, sourced through Hyundai Motor UK Ltd or its authorised dealers. Offers are not available for customers under the Hyundai Affinity Programme. 5 Year Warranty terms and exclusions apply. Please see www.hyundai.co.uk or ask your local dealer. Registered Name: Johnsons Cars Ltd, Registered Office: Johnsons Cars Ltd, Empire Court, Albert Street, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 4DA Registration No. 3717768. VAT Registration No. GB725516M.

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THE New i10 is enhanced with new advanced active safety and connectivity features from the segments above, as well as modern design refinements including the new signature Cascading front grille to enhance its emotional appeal.

"The New i10 showcases Hyundai Motor's promise to democratise technology by offering latest connectivity and safety features from the segments above responding to today's customers' needs," said Thomas A. Schmid, Chief Operating Officer at Hyundai Motor Europe. "The excellent package of the i10, delivering highest value to the customers, has made it one of the best-selling cars in its class and popular with customers across Europe—a success story that the New i10 is set to carry on."

Refined design highlights and an enhanced ride

The New i10 comes with design refinements for a more emotionally appealing look. The new Cascading grille is a further development of the Hexagonal grille with a downward tapering shape created by adding a concave element. The Cascading grille will become the new family identity for Hyundai models in the future.

In the front the New i10 features a new bumper design and new round LED daytime running lights on Premium and Premium SE models, positioned at the edges of the new Cascading grille. At the rear the New i10 is also characterised by an evolved bumper design with a black inlay and round fog lights and redesigned rear lights with a darker housing for a sportier look. Redesigned side mouldings with a new shape and size round off the New i10's fresh profile.

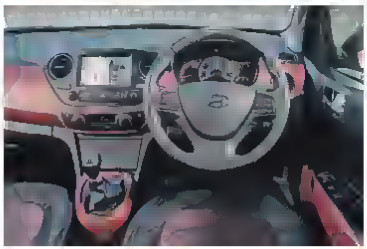
Moving to the interior, from SE trim and above, the New i10 now comes with a no cost option of red or blue interior trim alongside the standard black cloth interior.

The New i10 introduces a new design of 14 inch steel wheels on S and SE models, new design 14 inch alloy wheels on Premium models, with Premium SE models continuing with 15 inch alloy wheels. Enhancements in ride and handling due to larger front bump stops, a modified steering gear ratio and magnesium steering wheel structure round off the New i10's segment leading package.

Like its predecessor, the New i10 will come with the proven choice of two petrol engines, 1.0 litre and 1.2 litre, driving the front wheels through five-speed manual as standard or an optional four speed automatic gearbox on 1.2 litre SE, Premium and Premium SE models.

A great package of connectivity, convenience and active safety

The New i10 makes advanced technology available to more people than ever before. Responding to customer demand for simple connectivity features, the New i10 Premium SE includes the latest connectivity features, all integrated into the new seven inch touchscreen navigation system. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto guarantee seamless integration, safe operation and mirrored functionality of mobile devices based on iOS or the Android operating system. In order to be up-to-date, the New i10 Premium SE's navigation system comes with a seven-year free subscription to LIVE Services, offering real-time traffic and weather conditions, points of interest as well as the position of speed cameras in countries where this is permitted by law. Customers do not even have to choose, the New i10 Premium SE is the only car in its class to offer Android Auto, Apple CarPlay and LIVE Services in a single infotainment system.



In terms of safety options the New i10 now comes with two new advanced features to actively avoid accidents both based on the new multi functional camera, a Front Collision Warning System (FCWS) and a Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS). Using front camera sensors, the FCWS alerts the driver acoustically and visually about collision risks arising from other vehicles. The LDWS alerts the driver with an audio alarm sound if the car moves over lane markings to prevent unsafe movements. LDWS and FCWS are optional on SE models and above as part of the Driver Assist Pack.

On the convenience side, the New i10 scores with the tried and tested feature package of its predecessor: automatic air conditioning on SE and SE Blue models with Premium and Premium SE equipped with climate control as standard. Heated steering wheel and heated front seats on Premium SE make it an ideal companion for every weather condition and every activity. Up to five people fit into the roomy interior and the segment leading boot volume of 252 litres offers generous stowage.

Made in Europe, for Europe – the i10 success story

Since its introduction back in 2008 the i10 has been a major success story for Hyundai Motor UK, with over 182 000 units sold by November 2016, making it one of the best selling cars in this segment in recent years.

The original i10 alone, with its unique value for money offer, achieved nearly 114 000 sales between 2008 and 2014. When the second-generation i10 was introduced in late 2013 the model truly became a European car – designed and developed at the Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center (HMETC) in Rüsselsheim, Germany, and manufactured at Hyundai Assan Otomotiv Sanayi (HAOS) in Izmit, Turkey.

The second-generation i10 with its young, modern design and dynamic drivability has continued the UK success of its predecessor, with more than 68 000 units sold in only three years.

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Johnsons Honda celebrates the arrival of the new Civic in Oxford

Johnsons Honda Oxford is delighted to announce the arrival of the first new 2017 Honda Civic models in Oxford.

AS part of showcasing the all-new Honda Civic Johnsons Honda will have a selection of the 10th generation models, including Civic Sport Turbo, so that potential customers can view their dream car!

The British-built Honda Civic is made in Swindon and exported world-wide UK customers will be able to choose from either a 129PS and 182PS turbo charged petrol engine with either a manual or automatic transmission when the car goes on sale in late March.

This latest Honda Civic is the tenth generation and builds on the notable success of past models It is the result of the largest research and development project Honda has ever undertaken.

The result is that the Honda Civic is distinctive thanks to its stand-out design, comes with greater refinement than ever before, and is exciting to drive due to the new engines.

With such a variety of choice, Johnsons Honda Oxford is confident it has a Honda Civic to suit even the most discerning of buyers.

David Wright franchise director at Johnsons Honda said, "The Honda Civic has always been a strong seller for us but the latest generation model has really moved the game on substantially With its sporty driving, class-leading space and advanced safety, the all-new Honda Civic is a compelling buy It even comes with the very latest in advanced connectivity"

Wright continues, "There is one aspect that all potential customers of the new Civic will welcome – the extremely competitive deals we have on offer That's why I'm confident we can help all customers to choose the version that's right for them."

The new Honda Civic arrives in Johnsons Honda's showroom having already claimed a prestigious award. The high performance version of the Civic the Type R, took the highly acclaimed What Car? Award for the most anticipated car of 2017

This is an award voted for by the thousands of readers of What Car? magazine and marks out the hot hatch Civic as the most eagerly anticipated car of the year

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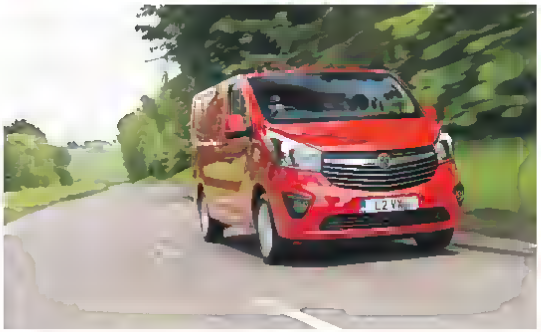

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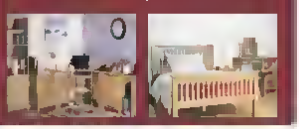

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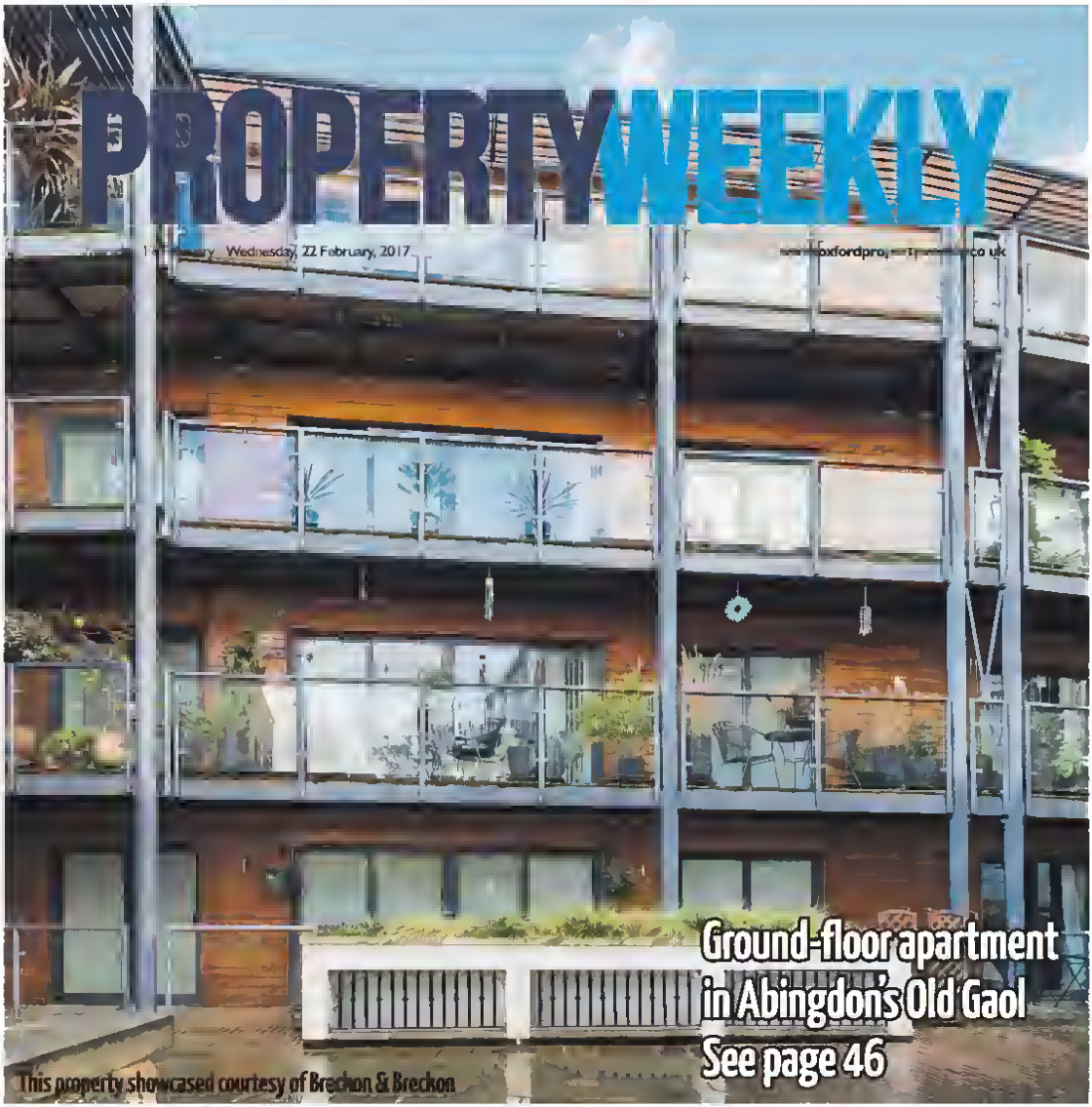

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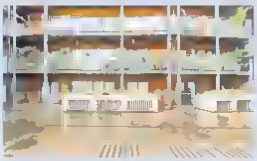

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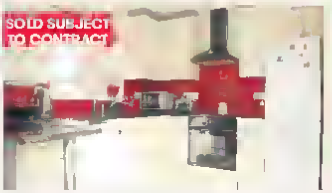

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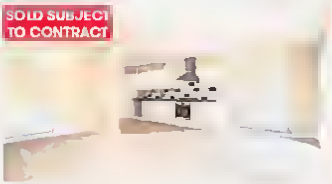

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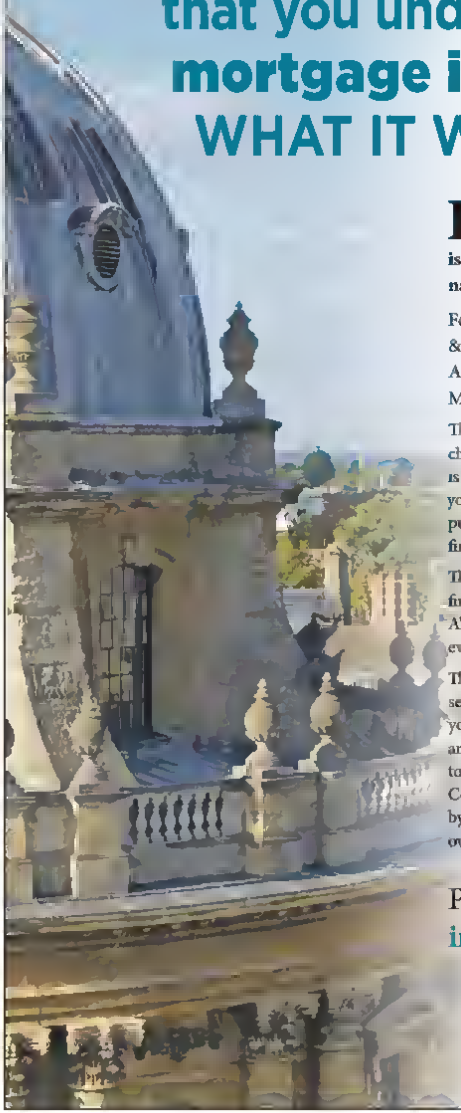

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The Seminar will commence at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm at The Oxford Spires Hotel, Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4PS. The event is limited to just 150 places.

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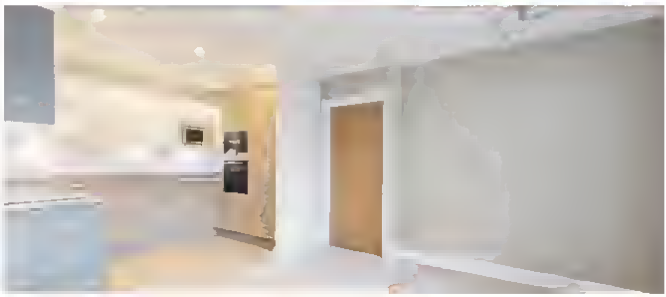

The housing white paper – some positives, some missed opportunities, and some confusion

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

The Government's much vaunted and long awaited white paper was published last week, and it seemed to signal a shift in Government thinking away from the mantra home-ownership = Good renting = Bad to a recognition that both ownership and renting need to be encouraged

That is something that I have been arguing for several months. This shift is to be applauded.

We should also applaud the Government's desire to protect legitimate tenants from rogue landlords. However there is still no recognition of the need to protect legitimate landlords from rogue tenants

The recognition of the value of build to rent schemes in our cities is certainly a welcome new innovation and this should help to meet the rising tide of demand for affordable rental properties. However the white paper is mute on measures to encourage smaller landlords to continue to invest to expand the supply of available properties in the short to medium term

Since the white paper was released, many of the headlines have centred on Government's desire to promote longer-term three-year tenancy agreements to provide a more stable environment for young families living in rental accommodation

However, the housing minister has subsequently been forced to clarify that those longer term tenancies will not apply to small buy to let landlords, who are often unable to offer tenancy terms longer than 12 months due to limitations placed on them by mortgage lenders and insurance providers

The measures to ease the bureaucracy of decision making and improve transparency of local authority planning policy is also welcome. New housing is desperately needed across the UK particularly in larger towns and cities where under-supply is driving prices above wage inflation

It seems to me that the Government is too focused on popular measures which it believes may result in votes, rather than taking time to think fully about the market, and how best to improve fairness and supply over the short, medium and long term.

For example, the proposed ban on fees charged to tenants by letting agents, risks landlord costs escalating and rents rising above trend as a result. Already rents are proving unaffordable with growing numbers of tenants being unable to pass credit/affordability checks.

There is certainly a need to bear down on unscrupulous letting agents charging exorbitant fees but a blanket ban which stops all fees will have unwanted consequences

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has warned that following last year's increase in stamp duty for landlord investors, the forthcoming restrictions relating to mortgage interest rate relief will force many smaller landlords to reduce their portfolios and for many discourage further investment. This at a time when rental supply is so restricted (as recognised by the Government) also seems unwise

So a mixed-bag of measures which are directionally correct, but where populism has trumped analysis and clarity of purpose. Yes there are four million voters living in rented accommodation and protecting them from exploitation is absolutely correct. But, basing policy on the assumption that all letting agents all landlords and most developers are exploitative risks undermining stability and supply over the coming decade.

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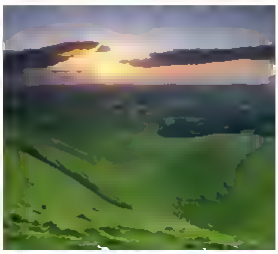

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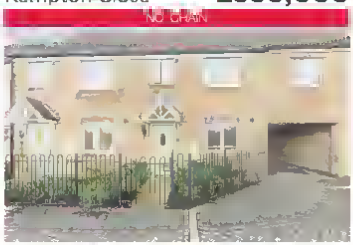

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- Close to Town Centre
- 3 Bedrooms
- Good Transport Links
- Fantastic Family Home
- Allocated Parking

North Abingdon £300,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- North Abingdon
- Ideal Starter Home
- Fantastic Long Rear Garden
- Great School Catchment

Berinsfield OIEO £270,000

- Open-Plan Living
- Immaculate Condition
- Garage
- Garden
- Ideal Family Home

Kingston Bagpuize £250,000

- Ideal Investment Property
- Charming 1 Bed Stone Cottage
- Lovely Cottage Garden
- Working Feature Fireplace
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Central Abingdon OIEO £235,000

- Central Location
- 2 Bedrooms
- First Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
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North Abingdon £230,000

- North Abingdon Location
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Brackley £399,950

EPC D
Four BedroomsEnsuite to Master Bedroom
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Spacious Garden
Off Street Parking

Fenny Compton £460,000

EPC C
Four Bedroom Detached House
Double Garage
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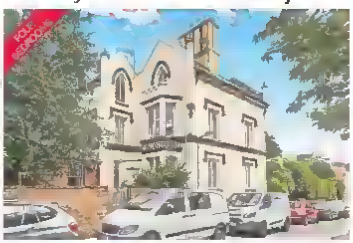
Village Location

Banbury £350,000



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FOUR BEDROOMS
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GARAGE
TOWN CENTRE
NO ONWARD CHAIN

Middleton Cheney £550,000

EPC C
Five Bedrooms Detached
South Facing Garden
Countryside Views
Village Location
No Onward Chain

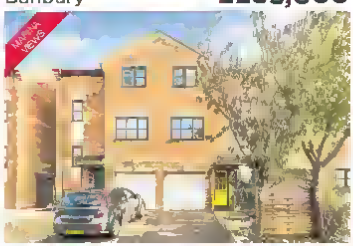
Banbury £255,000

EPC D
End of Terrace
Three Bedrooms
Maintained to High Standard
Mature Rear Garden

Banbury £260,000

EPC C
Three Bedroom End Of Terrace
Shower Room Ensuite
Off Street Parking
Close to Station & Town Centre

Banbury £255,000



*EPC C
*Three Bedrooms
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden

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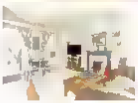
Lapsley Drive £269,500



EPC Rating C
Three Double bedrooms
Master bedroom with en-suite
Walking distance to local centre & Primary School

Ribston Close £279,950

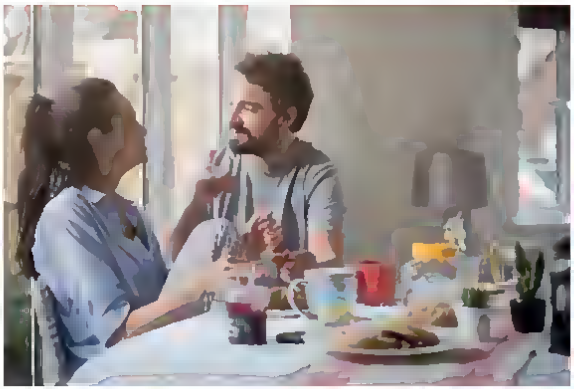
EPC Rating C
DETACHED Three Bedroom home
Large South facing Rear Garden
No Onward Chain

Cheviot Way £285,000

EPC Rating D
Great size Kitchen/Dining area to rear
Three good size bedrooms
Block paved driveway for ample parking
Viewing essential

Malthouse Cottages £300,000

EPC Rating C
Village Location
Three Bedroom Cottage
Spacious home with Ground floor extension



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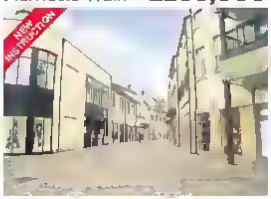
Witney Road £290,000

This very well presented 3 bedroom property is situated in the very popular village of Long Hanborough. This property offers very spacious accommodation over 3 levels. The property boasts two large double bedrooms and one single bedroom. EPC Rating C

Pond Hill £300,000

This fantastic three bedroom family home is situated in the village of Stonesfield. This property boasts off road parking, a rear garden and garage. Potential for improvement and modernisation. EPC Rating D

Marriotts Walk £230,000



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Cowley — Offers in Excess £330,000

A delightful two bedroom property with loft room and gardens on the Cowley Rd with good access to shops and amenities, ideal first time buy or investment alike EPC. C

Greater Leys — £285,000

WELL PRESENTED two bed terrace in a quiet cul-de-sac. Garage and parking in a block, front and rear gardens, two bedrooms with built in wardrobes, gas central heating and fitted combination boiler ideal for first time buyers.

EPC Rating: C

East Oxford — Guide Price £575,000

BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN mid terrace benefiting from loft room and rear extension. With period features throughout this property offers a GREAT FAMILY HOME and is deceptively spacious. EPC Rating: D

Blackbird Leys — Guide Price £335,000

An exceptionally well presented 3 BEDROOM house with the selling advantage of a GARAGE to the rear & BLOCK PAVED PARKING to the front. This is a must view!! EPC Rating: D

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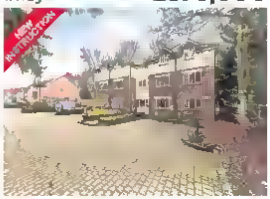
Iffley £375,000



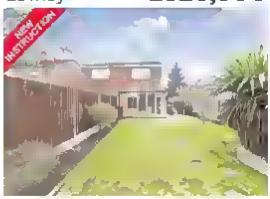
A rare opportunity to purchase a MODERN ground floor apartment within Iffley Village. The property is situated within a gated development, offering security as well being set in a delightful parcel of land.

EPC Rating C

Blackbird Leys Guide Price £310,000

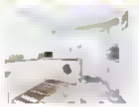
Situated near local shops, leisure centre/ swimming pool and bus stop this THREE bedroom family home has been UPDATED THROUGHOUT to a high standard. EPC Rating D

Cowley £320,000



A WELL PRESENTED first home buy or investment, situated in a cul-de-sac within Cowley/ Headington borders. The property has a wider than average side access and already benefits from a conservatory to rear. EPC Rating C

Temple Cowley £335,000



TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM end of terraced located which has been EXTENDED to the front making the lounge/dining room a generous 24 ft in length. EPC Rating D

Kennington OIRO £575,000

MODERNISED throughout this substantial detached bungalow sits on a larger than average plot. Rarely available to market, the property boasts a large kitchen and conservatory with views over the generous garden. EPC Rating D

Florence Park OIEO £392,000

EXTENDED family home recently refurbished with a double storey extension to rear, offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

EPC Rating D

Iffley £390,000

This MODERN THREE BEDROOM end terrace is situated in the ever popular area of Iffley borders and is offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D

Littlemore Guide Price £325,000

3 BEDROOMS• No Onward Chain • Mostly Double Glazed • Fully Gas Central Heated • White Good Incl. • Cul De Sac Location in Littlemore • Ideal Family Home Which Only Requires General Decorative Updating• EPC Rating E

15 £232,500

SOLD STC

This THREE BEDROOM end of terraced property is nestled in a cul-de-sac location in LITTLEMORE, offering convenient access with local transport, facilities and amenities. END OF CHAIN. EPC Rating C

Greater Leys Offers in Excess £255,000

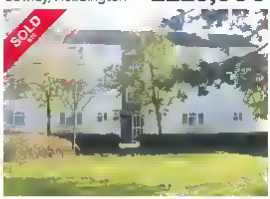
SOLD STC

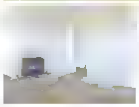
Recently REDECORATED this home offers an ideal first time buy or investment alike. Offered with no onward chain.

EPC Rating C

Cowley/Headington £225,000

SOLD STC





GENEROUS flat ideally situated within walking distance to shops and local amenities. Ideal for first time buyers and investors alike & offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D

Rose Hill Guide Price £270,000

SOLD STC

This WELL PRESENTED modern TWO bedroom property is situated within the ring road. Built in 2009 and is still in a very good condition making it an ideal purchase. EPC Rating C

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HEADINGTON

Yarnton £155,000

A fantastic development for the over 55s A shared ownership (75% Share) apartment situated in the tranqnil village of Yarnton. This development comprises of facilities snch as An in-house Restaurant, Hairdresser Residents Lounge and Hobby Room

North Oxford £500,000

An extended end of terrace family home adjacent to Cutteslowe park. The property is well presented and offers the benefits of a garage large rear garden and the potential to extend further (STP)

Yarnton £60,000

A beautifully presented apartment in this exclusive development for the over 55s.With under floor heating throughont and open plan living space this shared ownership home (25%) also has access to commnnal gardens, lanndry facilities and an on site restaurant and hairdresser

Risinghurst £475,000

Available with no onward chain this light, airy and spacious home is finished to a good standard. With balanced accommodation over two floors this property wonld make an ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Headington OIE £475,000

Three bedroom family home in this highly regarded road.This property is offered with no onward chain Within walking distance from the Churchill, Nuffield and JR hospitals. Also close proximity to Brookes campus and Headington shops.

Kidlington £358,000

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Kidlington OIE £500,000

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Headington OIRO £215,000

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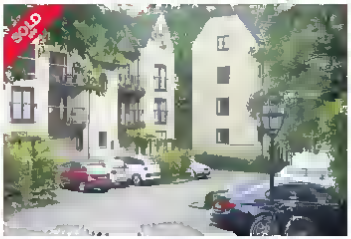
Headington OIRO £425,000



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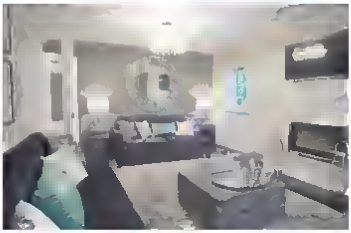
Thame **£489,950**



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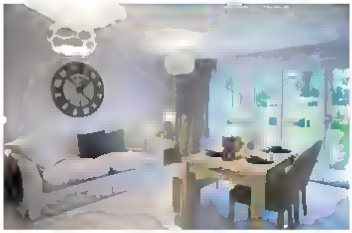

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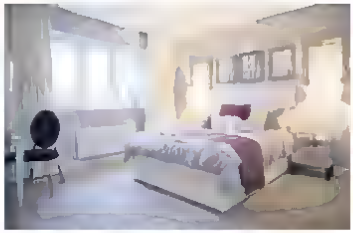

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Thame **£495,000**

An extremely well presented and well maintained three bedroom detached family home with a large driveway and double garage situated in a sought after area of Thame. This stunning property features a large kitchen/ breakfast with modern fitted kitchen and Rangemaster style oven/hob.

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4 Knob (4)
8 Be plentiful (6)
10 Nape of the neck (6)
11 Molars (5)
12 Trailed (5)
14 Suitable for agriculture (6)
17 Never at rest (9)
18 Carrying too much (9)
22 Hard (6)
23 Marked in a mysterious way (5)
24 Items (5)
26 Handwriting (6)
27 Resinous (6)
28 Stain (4)
29 Charges with a duty (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Peruse (4)
2 Beaches (6)
3 Cloak (6)
5 Digits (6)
6 Disagreed (8)
7 Dark yellow (5)
9 Discouraging (9)
10 Strong supporters (9)
13 Living (5)
15 Kind of poplar (5)
16 Comprises (8)
18 Carry to excess (6)
19 Explode (5)
20 Cleaning cloth (6)
21 Relatives (6)
25 Shades (4)

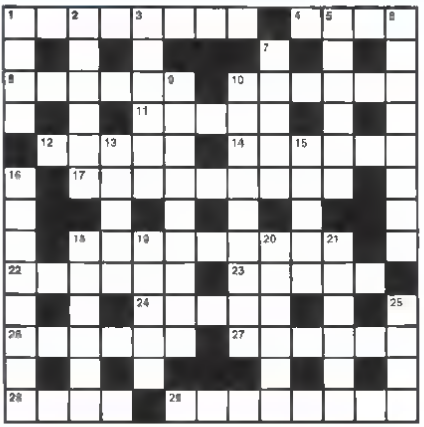
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Dashed to make the connection (8)
4 The girl takes a follower to the festival (4)
8 Help needed for Long Island caught in a sandy ridge (6)
10 Drops the matches (6)
11 Speak out, instead of keeping nothing inside (5)
12 Make a bid - there's a little official hesitation (5)
14 Slightly distorted viewpoints for simply heavenly people (6)
17 With which to handle confidential information? (9)
18 Groups around a hundred and fifty are very small objects (9)
22 Everything in the wager makes for a performance (6)
23 Polish your brow, or back to the breaking of a law (5)
24 Be depressed under the surface (5)
26 Danger can be found outside the house (6)
27 We rake out the less healthy (6)
28 Film I left is disposed of (4)
29 Fed up and doomed to hold a small number (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Wounded right in the cabin (4)
2 Upset the bucket with a very loud noise - then dish the rice (6)
3 Number of the Spanish flat? (6)
5 Slips back a state of unwatchfulness (6)
6 Helped like my sister Edwina? (8)
7 Exhausted on the southern slope (5)
9 Neglected, but obtained for ten surrounding (9)
10 The ragged fellow could exult after turning over acres (9)
13 Concluding the fishy part of the French upbringing? (5)
15 Bestows part of the swag I've sent (5)
16 Put a French sex symbol in boxes? An idea for vegetables (8)
18 One word for many (6)
19 Oppose the second-class ingredient in the dance (5)
20 Most depressed to see the direction of the sunset? (6)
21 The senior has a kind of smooth appearance (6)
25 Or went up in rising drunkenness and subdued (4)



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Puzzles

Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

	1	9			3	6		
		8	5				4	2
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This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Mourning 4 Skua 8 Aground 10 Small 11 Tears 12 Dealt 14 Adobe 17 Sandpiper 18 Overtaken 22 Severe 23 Mine 24 Urine 26 Script 27 Salty 28 Skid 29 Entrants

Down: 1 Rebel 2 Storms 3 Made 5 Tumble 6 Chilled 7 Drive 9 Dominoes 10 Stewards 13 Abbe 15 Apron 16 Canoeist 18 Ordeal 19 Night 20 Dozen 21 Nerves 25 Dyes

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Pageant 4 Coal 8 Hard 10 Safe 11 Voice 12 Otter 14 Abode 17 Pretty 18 Pirates 22 Label 23 Team 24 Below 26 Gerbil 27 Waiter 28 Skid 29 Trainee

Down: 1 Plant 2 Fuel 3 Heaven 5 Adopt 6 Animal 7 Sweet 9 Pageant 10 Scorpion 13 Trial 15 Crime 16 Cassette 18 Pilot 19 Metal 20 Lowest 21 Stain 25 Tired

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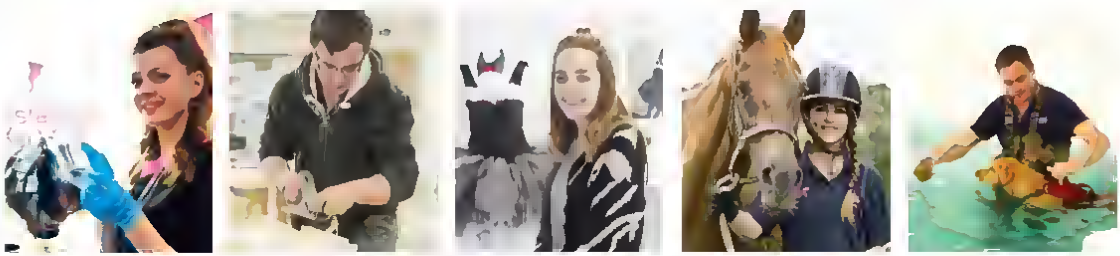

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Saturday February 18th

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live (S) **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo (S)(R) **12.00** Football Focus (S) **1.00** BBC News Weather (S) **1.15** Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix (S) **4.30** Final Score (S) **5.15** BBC News (S) **5.20** BBC Regional News; Weather (S) **5.25** Who Dares Wins (S) **6.10** Relentless Celebrities (S)(R) **6.55** Let It Shine (S)

7.55 Casualty Ian tries to make amends for his past. (S)

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BBC2

9.30 Coast (S) **10.00** Britain's Secret Seas (S)(R) **11.00** Nomes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **12.00** A Cook Afraid **John Torode's Argentina** (S)(R) **1.00** Talking Pictures: John Hurt (S) **1.30** FILM An Ideal Husband (1999) (RG) (S) **3.00** Escape to the Country (S)(R) **3.45** Mastermind (S)(R) **4.15** University Challenge (S)(R) **4.45** Only Connect (S)(R) **5.15** Nature's Weirdest Events (S)(R) **6.00** Flog It! (S)(R)

7.00 The Lake District: A Wild Year A year in the life of England's largest national park. (S)(R)

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands New series Paul Murton visits Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Raasay. (S)
8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Testament of Youth (2014) (12) Premiere. Period drama, starring Alicia Vikander and Kit Harington. (S)

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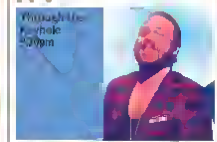

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Channel 4

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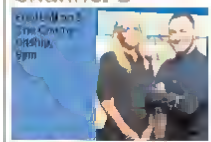
Channel 5



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9.15 Secrets of the Great Train Robbery Careless errors made by the thieves who famously raided a Royal Mail train on August 8, 1963. (S)

10.00 Football on 5 Goal Bush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 NCIS Ducky is forced to reveal he has been helping to solve crimes in his spare time. (S)
11.25 NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks shoots and kills an unarmed man. (S)(R)

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.15** Hollyoaks (S) **4.15** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.25** Phil Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) **5.25** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino **2.10** Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) **4.00** On Benefits: To Rent or To Eat? That's the Question (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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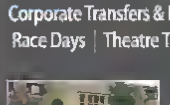

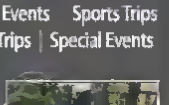

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ITV2 SKY: 116 FV: 6

8.00 Emmerdale **8.25** Coronation Street **11.20** Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** Take Me Out **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.10** FILM Honey (2003) (PG) Urban dance drama starring Jessica Alba. **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** FILM Honey (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.00** FILM St Trinian's (2007) (12) Concluded. **6.05** FILM After Earth (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure starring Will and Jaden Smith. **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** FILM After Earth (2013) (12) Concluded. **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** FILM Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) Action comedy starring Simon Pegg. **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) Concluded. **11.25** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **1.40** Release the Hounds. Famous & Freaked **2.35** Planet's Funniest Animals **3.00** Telesho(pping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

8.00 Murder She Wrote **8.50** Sherlock Holmes. The Master Blackmailer **11.05** FILM Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) Crime drama starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **1.05** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) Concluded. **2.55** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Comedy with Jim Dale. **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Concluded. **4.55** Wycliffe **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Law & Order UK **12.00** Wycliffe **1.05** Marchlands **2.00** ITV2 Nightscreen **2.30** Telesho(pping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Indian Hill Railways **8.00** Fred & Dagenham Dream **9.00** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **10.00** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.30** Top of the Pops 1983 **12.05** Rock 'n' Roll America **3.05** Sounds of the 70s 2: Soul Keep on Keeping on **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rudeish! Tube **8.20** Melissa & Joey **7.05** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Young & Hungry **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** FILM Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **10.10** Gogglebox 2015 **11.50** Gogglebox: Celebrity Special First Stand Up To Cancer **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **3.40** Rude(ish) Tube **4.20** Baby Daddy **5.10** Revenge

MDRE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.35** Homes by the Sea **12.35** Location, Location, Location **1.40** Celebs vs Country **2.45** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **7.55** The Real Noah's Ark **9.00** Jim Ladam: Shoot to Kill **10.40** 24 Hours in A&E **11.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.50** Ben Ladam: Shoot to Kill **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.30** Food Unwrapped **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Para Normen (2012) [PG] **1.00** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) [PG] **2.45** Schoolgirl (1986) [PG] Christmas comedy starring Bill Murray. **4.50** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) [12] Comedy drama with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. **6.40** Tootsie (1982) [15] Comedy starring Dustin Hoffman. **9.00** St Vincent (2014) [12] Premiere. Comedy drama starring Bill Murray. **11.05** Zombieland (2009) [15] Comedy horror starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. **11.50** Stripes (1981) [15] **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **12.00** The Best of Top Gear **2.00** QI XL **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Best of Top Gear **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: Passenger 57 (1992) (15) Action thriller with Wesley Snipes **10.40** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **12.40** Not Going Out **2.00** Suits **2.50** Live at the Electric **3.20** Not Going Out **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Tenko **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Tenko **5.00** One Foot in the Grave **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Jonathan Creek **9.00** Taggart **11.00** FILM: Marnie (1964) (15) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller starring Sean Connery and Tippi Hedren. **1.40** The Ruby in the Smoke **3.25** Garden Rhapsody **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Monkey Business **8.00** The Big Spell **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2017 **1.00** Fences. Special **1.30** Futurama **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** MacGyver **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **9.00** FILM: Star Trek: Generations (1994) (PG) Sci-fi adventure sequel starring Patrick Stewart and William Shatner. **11.15** A League of Their Own **11.10** Football's Funniest Moments **1.10** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.10** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.10** Police Force: Australia **9.10** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

8.00 The Most Wing **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **12.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive: Behind the Scenes **1.30** Flying Monsters With David Attenborough **3.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.55** Raw: The Slenderman **2.10** The Wire **3.25** Live: Nigella **4.00** Storm City

W SKY: 109

8.00 Relieve **8.50** Mill on Dollar Intern **7.00** The Real **12.40** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** My Family **6.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** FILM: The Bodyguard (1992) [15] Romantic thriller with Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. **11.40** Grimm **12.40** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **1.40** Cribs **2.30** Passport Patrol **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **7.00** To the Manor Born **9.10** One Foot in the Grave **10.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.20** The Vicar of Dibley **1.40** Only Fools and Horses **3.00** The Black Adder **3.40** Blackadder II **11.00** Bottom **12.10** Fatton 2001. A*** Delight Live **2.10** Hill Rises Relentless **3.20** Nighty Night **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

8.00 Football Golf **7.00** Premier League Legends **8.00** Premier League 100 Club **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Football Gold **11.40** Spanish Football Gold **11.55** Live La Liga Football Sporting Gijon v Atletico Madrid (kick-off 12.00pm), **2.00** Super League Gold **2.30** Great Sporting Moments **2.45** Live FROZ Rugby Union: Ulster v Glasgow Warriors (kick-off 3.00pm), **5.00** Live PRO12 Rugby Union: Dragons v Munster (kick-off 5.15pm) **7.15** Great Sporting Moments **7.30** Live World Club Series Rugby League: Wigan Warriors v Brisbane Broncos (kick-off 8.00pm), **10.30** Super League Gold **11.00** World Club Series Rugby League Highlights **12.15** Sporting Triumphs **12.40** World Club Series Rugby League Highlights **1.00** Live One-Day International Cricket.

Sunday February 19th

BBC1

Mary Berry's Quick Easy Christmas
Day Live: The FA Cup 1.40pm

DAYTIME

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00** The Big Questions (S) **11.00** Bargain Hunt (S)(R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather (S) **12.15** FILM **Shrek Forever After (2010) (U)** (S) **1.40** Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup (S) **4.05** Escape to the Country (S)(R) **4.50** Lifeline (S) **5.00** Songs of Praise (S) **5.35** BBC News (S) **5.50** BBC Regional News; Weather (S) **6.00** The Big Painting Challenge (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison helps with the annual clean-up at Cheddar Gorge, (S)

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8.00 Call the Midwife Fred and Violet take care of a relative with Down's Syndrome (S)

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9.00 **55-GB** New series. Drama set in an alternate history of the Second World War where Britain is under German occupation (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights Action from the fifth round of matches. (S)

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11.10 American High School (S)
11.55 The Celebrity Apprentice USA The celebrities must write produce and direct a silent video. (S)

AFTER 12

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.25** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Lorraine's Diet 3pm

8.00 Countryfile Winter Special (S)(R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) **11.30** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day (S)(R) **12.00** Nigellissima (S)(R) **12.30** A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia (S)(R) **1.30** Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures (S)(R) **2.00** FILM Funny Lady (1975) (PG) (S) **4.10** Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest (S)(R) **0.15** Ski Sunday (S) **6.00** FILM **Oz the Great and Powerful (2013) (PG)**

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7.00 Take Me Out Celebrity Special With James 'Arg' Argent, Melvin Odoom and Nile Wilson (S)

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8.00 Dragons' Den The panel assess the profit-making potential of a self-igniting stove. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)

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9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week The contestants join South Korea's Underwater Demolition Team. (S)

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10.00 FILM **Being AP (2015) (12)** Remembrance Documentary about jockey AP McCoy (S)

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11.40 FILM **Defiance (2008) (15)** Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell (S)

AFTER 12

1.45 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.40** Moby City (S)(R) **3.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

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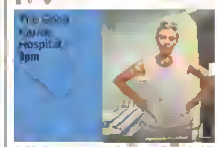

The Great British Sewing Bee
Celebrity Hospital 9pm

9.30 Countrywise: Guide to Britain (S)(R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday (S) **10.55** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy (S)(R) **11.25** Chopping Block (S)(R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather (S) **12.45** FILM **Carry On Jack (1963) (PG)** (S) **2.25** All Star Family Fortunes (S)(R) **3.10** Ninja Warrior UK (S)(R) **4.15** The Voice UK (S)(R) **5.30** Tipping Point (S)(R) **6.30** ITV Regional News; Weather (S) **6.40** ITV News (S)

7

7.00 Take Me Out Celebrity Special With James 'Arg' Argent, Melvin Odoom and Nile Wilson (S)

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8.00 Lion Country: Night and Day Two cubs face a perilous lioness Last in the series (S)

9

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital An abandoned baby is brought to the hospital and Lydia is reunited with an expat artist whose unusual lifestyle may be about to catch up with him. (S)

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10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)

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11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the 15th round of fixtures..

AFTER 12

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00** Chopping Block (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen **6.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Jump 1.30pm

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **8.30** Frasier (S)(R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch (S) **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **1.35** The Simpsons (S)(R) **2.35** FILM **Addams Family Values (1993) (RG)** (S) **4.30** Channel 4 News (S) **5.00** FILM **The Karate Kid (2010) (PG)** Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan (S)

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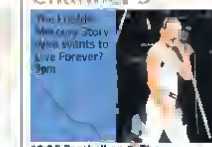
7.30 The Jump The remaining celebrities compete in the skeleton event. Presented by Davina McCall. (S)

Channel 5



The Freddie Mercury Story: Who wants to Live Forever? 9pm

10.35 Football on 5: The Championship (S)(R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) **12.00** Inside Windsor Castle (S)(R) **12.00** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh (S)(R) **1.55** FILM **Seabiscuit (2003) (PG)** (S) **4.30** 5 News (S) **4.38** FILM **National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) (15)** (S) **6.28** FILM **National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) (15)** (S)

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8.10 That's 80s 1980 A look at events in 1985 (S)(R)

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9.00 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary explor ing two of the most important years in the Queen singer's life. (S)(R)

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11.05 20 Moments that Rocked the 80s Cherie Lunghi presents a countdown of memorable moments (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.35 Lip Sync Battle (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (S)(R) **4.00** World's Most Pampered Pets (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY 115 FV 6

8.00 Totally Reckons Cuttiness World Records **8.10** Emmerdale **8.45** Coronation Street **11.40** The Voice UK **1.00** 2Awesome: 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: 2Awesome Fame Hell **1.55** 2Awesome: 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.25** 2Awesome: 2Awesome: LA Story **2.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.10** FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003) (PG) Comedy. Starring Eddie Murphy. **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** FILM: The Haunted Mansion (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.55** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel starring Hank Azaria. **5.00** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **7.00** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Comedy starring Adam Sandler. **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Firm's Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Ibiza Weekender **2.15** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

8.00 On the Buses **8.30** Wycliffe **7.20** Murder She Wrote **6.30** Heartbeat **10.40** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Comedy. With Jim Dale. **11.40** FYI Daily **11.45** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Concluded. **12.40** FILM: Hidden Treasure (2001) Drama. starring John Thaw. **2.40** Wycliffe **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Midsomer Murders **6.00** The Royal Variety Performance 2016 **10.35** Pride of Britain **11.10** FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) (PG) Comedy. starring Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell. **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15** FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) (PG) Concluded. **1.10** Inspector Morse **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.00** On the Buses **9.00** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY 116 FV 9

7.00 Sound of Song **8.00** Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra **9.00** Tom Watts: Tales from a Cracked Jukebox **10.00** The Cult Next Door **11.00** FILM: Phoenix (2014) (12) Premiere. Post-Second World War drama, starring Nina Hoss. **12.35** Nelson's Car bbean Hell Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered **1.30** Grier and Dsorder with Jim Al-Khalili **2.35** Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra **3.35** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 Ruff(ish) Tube **9.20** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** Hollyoaks **9.35** Coach Trip: Road to Mexico **11.10** The Jump **1.00** The Big Bang Theory: Catch Up **7.15** FILM: Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** FILM: The Adjustment Bureau (2011) (12) Sci-fi thri ller starring Matt Damon and Emily Blunt. **11.00** Celebs Go Dating **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY. 138 FV 14

8.55 Build Up the Dream **10.00** Cocktail Walks with My Dad **11.00** Vet on the Hill **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **6.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Nazi Megastructures **9.00** Father Ted **10.00** The Big Fat Quiz of Everything **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.10** Father Ted **2.10** Nazi Megastructures **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY. 315 FV 15

11.00 Destry (1954) (PG) Western with Audie Murphy **1.00** Endless Love (2014) (12) Romantic drama with Alex Pettyfer and Gabrielle Wilde **3.00** Carry On Teachers (1959) (U) Comedy starring Ted Ray **4.30** Never Been Kissed (1999) (12) Romantic comedy with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **6.55** Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) Family comedy starring Dwayne Johnson. **9.00** Faster (2010) (15) A criminal is released from prison and sets out to get revenge on the men who murdered his brother. Action adventure starring Dwayne Johnson and Billy Bob Thornton **10.55** The Fourth Kind (2009) (15) A psychiatrist treating people in a small town suffering from nightmares uncovers evidence they have been abducted by aliens. Sci-fi horror starring Milla Jovovich and Will Patton. **1.00** Amour (2012) (12) An elderly couple face a series of challenges in their relationship when the wife has a stroke. Oscar winning drama starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva. **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY. 111 FV 12

7.20 Top Gear **8.30** Top Gear: Vietnam Special **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.00** Motorway Cops **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **2.00** Top Gear **5.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Top Gear: Vietnam Special **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **11.30** Room 101 **1.10** Dave Gorman: Goodish Hits **2.10** Suits **3.00** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.15 New Tricks **8.00** The Bill **11.00** Emmerdale **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph **7.00** New Tricks **8.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **3.00** New Tricks **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY. 106

8.00 Heir of Power **7.00** Futurama **8.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE Raw Hits **12.00** Futurama **1.30** Modern Family **9.00** The Simpsons **5.30** The Big Spell **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Freddie Down Under **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **11.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** A+E Ambulance: ER **2.00** Arrow **3.00** Police Force: Australia **5.15** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY. 108

6.00 The West Wing **7.00** The West Wing Special **8.00** The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Fortitude **10.00** FILM: A History of Violence (2005) (18) Thriller starring Viggo Mortensen. **11.55** True Detective **1.10** The Wire **2.20** Looking **4.10** Storm City

W SKY 109

8.00 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **8.25** Believe **7.15** Your Home in Their Hands **8.30** Meeting Chet USA **12.30** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **8.00** Outnumbered **8.00** Honey I Bought the House **9.00** Celebrity Advice Bureau **10.00** Sherlock **12.00** Code Black **1.00** Inside the Ambulance **1.50** Crisis **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Chosen **7.40** One Foot in the Grave **8.55** FILM: Carry On Sergeant (1958) (U) Comedy. starring William Hartnell. **10.35** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Blackadder II **11.00** The Trick of It **12.00** Jimmy's Show **1.00** House of Fools **2.05** Mighty Night **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

6.00 Live One-Day International Cricket: New Zealand v South Africa **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live SPFL Football: Kilmarnock v Aberdeen (kick-off 1.00pm). **3.00** Live SPFL Football: Dundee v Rangers (kick-off 3.15pm) **8.30** Live World Pool Masters. The semi-finals and final from Gibraltar **9.30** Goals on Sunday **10.30** Football's Greatest Players **11.00** Premier League 100 Club **12.00** World Pool Masters **4.00** Football Gold

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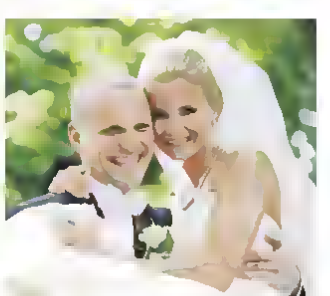

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Alpines are such hot stuff

By James Richings

THEY have written songs for Sub Focus and toured with Emeli Sandé and Florence and The Machine but Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson will finally get their share of the limelight when they play in Oxford next week.

Better known as the duo Alpines, the pair will visit The Cellar at Frewin Court for the first time in three years on Tuesday February 21 following the release of their second album Another River.

And even though they have toured the world and worked with some of the biggest names in British music Bob and Catherine insist they haven't had their big break yet as they embark on another UK tour.

"We signed to a major label very early in our career but that is by no means a guarantee or a measure of success," Catherine told the Guardian.

"We left that label as it didn't work out for us.

"Now we have the right setup for what we want to do.

"We still have a lot more people to reach."

Bob added: "Everyone we have worked with has been incredible and it is always so eye opening and a great learning curve to go into the studio with other artists."

Following their formation in 2010, Bob and Catherine have gained many fans worldwide, with their music used in a number of films, TV shows and advertisements. Most notably, their tracks Cocoon and Fossilised were used in two episodes of CSI in 2011 and 2012.

So you'd think that performing all over the globe or even having thousands of fans would be Bob and Catherine's career highlight to date but they quote signing to a new record label last year, which helped release their latest album, as their highlight.

"Signing to Metropolis Records last year after a couple of years of very hard work writing and recording 'Another River' has to be a highlight for us," Bob said.

"It has enabled us to do things we have always dreamed of, including a live performance of songs from the album at Metropolis studios which included Catherine playing on Freddie Mercury's piano which was a real honour.

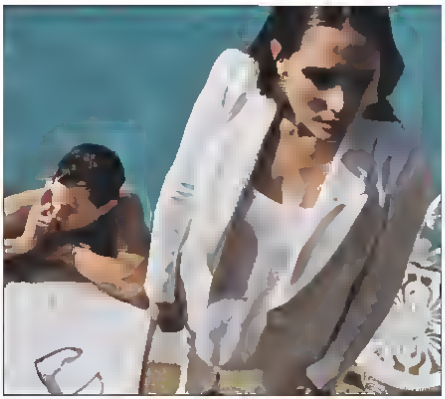
"But probably one of the best experiences was recording and performing with The Maccabees on their song 'Unknown' which is on their album 'Given To The Wild'."

Catherine added: "It's great when your songs are used in film and television, partly because it's one of the few ways we can make income these days.

"However you have to remember, it's just one or two people's opinions that gets you that spot.

"Other fans are just as important."

The gig starts at 7pm and tickets cost £7. It's suitable for anyone over the age of 16.



• *Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson (Picture: www.facebook.com/alpinesmusic)*

Frog love story

DANCE A ballet adaptation of the Disney animated film The Princess and the Frog, will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Sunday February 19.

Prince Naveen has been turned into a frog after being cursed and can only break the spell by kissing the love of his life Tiana, in this production by Let's All Dance.

Tickets cost £8 and it starts at 2pm.

London's Burning

SCIENCE. Science Oxford will arrive at The Chipping Norton Theatre as part of their London's Burning show.

A group of scientists will explain to the Spring Street audience the events of September 2, 1666 – the four-day long Great Fire of London.

It will take place tomorrow night, Friday February 17, starting at 7pm.

Tickets cost £11.

All Night Long

DANCE Brendan Cole will be returning to the New Theatre on Sunday February 26.

The New Zealander returns to the George Street venue as part of his, All Night Long UK Tour.

Tickets cost from £30.90 to £46.60 and it starts at 7.30pm.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Watch out for Flying Machines

By James Richings

FOUR musicians will be flying into Oxford next week with their easy listening jazz with a rock twist.

The Flying Machines– Alex Munk on guitar pianist Matt Robinson, Conor Chaplin on bass and drummer Dave Hamblett—will be stopping off at The Mad Hatter on Tuesday February 21

And Alex thinks the Iffley Road venue will remember their visit thanks to their unusual sound.

"There is a lot of drama, changes of texture and pace in our music," he said.

"There are loud, visceral sections– I'm not a huge fan of the word 'fusion' but that's what a lot of people would describe it as– and then we also have much quieter lyrical and plaintive material.

"I truly believe there's something in our set for all kinds of music lovers as our influences range from artists such as Tigran Hamasyan, Pat Metheny, Wayne Krantz, Troyka and Phronesis.

"I also really like songwriters such as James Taylor John Mayer, Sting and Joni Mitchell.

"So t think a little bit of that direct, singable melodic quality finds it s way in there especially in the more ballad like tunes"

The band was formed by Alex three years ago and they are on e 23-date tour across the country following the release of their self-titled debut album at the end of last year

Since 2014, the four friends from London have gained a small fan base with their tunes having that raw and authentic sound which has made them different from many bands

Alex knows he and his friends have chosen a very difficult career in which to make a living but the guitarist is certain that Flying Machines are destined for great things, as long as they keep gigging and improving

"It can be very tough to make that breakthrough in music because of how many incredible young musicians that are out there who you're in direct competition with," he said.

"I think in many cases it's more about plugging away and being consistent rather than hoping for one single breakthrough.

"If you can just keep on going and giving it all the energy you can possibly muster, opportunities do present themselves

"Those opportunities gradually start to scale up with each push.

"You just have to work hard and keep putting stuff out there that you really believe in and if you keep going, it will inevitably snowball."

Tickets cost £4 and the gig will start at 8 30pm.

• The Flying Machines (from left) Matt Robinson, Alex Munk, Conor Chaplin and Dave Hamblett (Picture by Steve Pringle)

A tribute to Noel

LIVE MUSIC A Noel Gallagher tribute band will be gigging at the O2 Academy tomorrow night, Friday, February 17

Nearly Noel Gallagher s High Flyin Birdz, will pay homage to the Mancunian musician

Doors open at 6 30pm and tickets cost £11 25

Catch film royalty

FILM The popular 1958 film Cat on a Hot Tin Roof will be screened at the Cornerstone Arts Centre Didcot on Wednesday February 22.

Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman star as Margaret Politt/Maggie the Cat (Taylor) and Brick Politt (Newman) whose relationship hits a turbulent period.

The film starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5

Every cloud...

THEATRE. A play about friendship and unity Silver Lining will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday February 21 to Saturday February 25

As five elderly women in a retirement home trade stories of their lives a storm appears which starts to flood their home.

Tickets cost from £11 50 to £28

Thu Feb 16 7.30pm
Old Fire Station, Oxford
DARE DEVIL RIDES TO JARAMA
Following the success of The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists, We Will Be Free and United We Stand, Townsend Productions new play commissioned by the International Brigades Memorial Trust commemorates and celebrates the contribution and sacrifice of the volunteer International Brigades on the 80th anniversary of their creation with stirring contemporaneous songs live music and poetry

Sat, Feb 18 7.30pm
New Theatre Oxford
ELLEN KENT AIDA
Aida, the grandest of all Ellen Kent's operas returns to the UK with a stunning new traditional production boasting an impressive new set built by Set-Up Scenery in the UK, who also built sets for the Royal Opera Convent Garden

Sat, Feb 18 8pm
Old Fire Station, Oxford
WORKSHY
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Sun Feb 19 2pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre Didcot
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG
Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess She loves playing with her golden ball but one day she drops it in the pond When a very friendly and very bouncy frog offers to retrieve it in exchange for her friendship she is far from keen But in the end the princess must agree to be his friend just to get her ball back

Mon Feb 20 – Sat, Feb 25
New Theatre Oxford
WONDERLAND
TV and West End star Wendi Peters much loved for her acclaimed portrayal of Cilla Battersby-Brown in Coronation Street will headline the UK tour of 'Wonderland as Queen of Hearts alongside musical theatre favourites Dave Willetts who has previously starred in tours of 'South Pacific' 42nd Street and 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' as White Rabbit.

Tue Feb 21 – Sat, Feb 25
Oxford Playhouse Oxford
THE NIGHTINGALE AND ROSE
If you want a red rose" said the tree, you must build it out of music by moonlight and stain it with your own heart's blood."
What is love and what should we sacrifice for it? When a young student falls heart-overheels the only way to win his heart's desire is to give her the reddest rose in the world All seems lost until a night ingale hears the student s lament; to what ends will the little bird go in help love succeed?
Oscar Wilde s short story is adapted by students Ros Uzzell-Smith and Georgia Henesage. It combines the emotional intensity of Wilde s language with ensemble physical theatre

Tue Feb 21 - Sat, Feb 25
Oxford Playhouse Oxford
KRAPP S LAST TAPE
Krapp sits alone with h mself in fact, he's surrounded by many of his past selves Spools of tape spill out onto the table, each containing a recording he s made Each contains a glimpse into his past But as the words of the past and the present rifle together we begin to wonder if words can ever be a substitute for experience

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EMBERS
Henry sits in an unknown location, surrounded by the ever-present sound of the sea. As voices begin to fade in and out, we wonder is the woman who speaks to Henry really present? Or is this just another person that Henry imagines to drown out the roar of the waves?

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'I turned down a Beatle'

IF Sir Paul McCartney praises your music you know you must be doing well.

That was just the endorsement Farnborough based musician Big Boy Bloater who will be gigging at Fat Lil's in Witney on Thursday next week, had.

He comes to the Corn Street venue to perform tunes from his latest studio album Luxury Hobo as well as other tracks off his previous records.

Known for his work as a solo artist as well as fronting his own band The Limits Triple B insists that the sky is the limit for him as he continues to grow a reputation for producing high quality music.

When talking about his experience with Sir Paul, Bloater said "A few years back I played a gig at the Empire Leicester Square that he (Sir Paul) was involved with.

"He saw the band and he must have really liked us because a few weeks later I got a phone call from his management asking if we'd be interested in recording an album with him at Abbey Road.

"I was absolutely thrilled to be asked – who wouldn't want to record at Abbey Road with an ex Beatle eh? – but in the end it never came off as the recording dates clashed with an American tour that we had booked."

Coy on what his real name was, the musician revealed that the nickname 'Bloater' was given to him as a child for an unknown reason and has stuck ever since.

He has used this to his advantage though as Triple B is currently embarking on a huge UK tour which will see him play at clubs theatres and festivals throughout 2017.

And with Triple B being known for his lively and energetic shows, he insists that there will be a different side to him on Thursday.

"It's going to be a much more intimate show than I normally do with my band The Limits," he said.

"I'll be talking about how some of my songs came about some stories from the road and I think I may even showcase a couple of brand new songs.

"I absolutely love playing live.

"When you've had a terrible week there's nothing better than getting on stage and sharing a few songs."

Tickets cost from £13.20 and it starts at 7.45pm.

• Big Boy Bloater

Party with a twist

THEATRE A very extravagant birthday party will take place at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Saturday February 25.

One man has planned the perfect shindig – the cake is made the presents have arrived, the food has been set and the music is on full blast.

So when a French cyclist, a man dressed as a giant chicken and a mysterious stranger who has apparently never had a birthday attend the party he doesn't know what to do.

The Party will last for 45 minutes and starts at 1pm. Tickets cost £8.50.

All on the spot

COMEDY An improv night will take place at the Old Fire Station on Tuesday February 21.

The Oxford Improvisers will arrive at the George Street venue to play a number of spontaneous tunes.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £9.

Travel to La La Land

FILM Find out why La La Land is being nominated for so many awards when it is screened at the Chipping Norton Theatre from Tuesday February 21 to Friday March 3.

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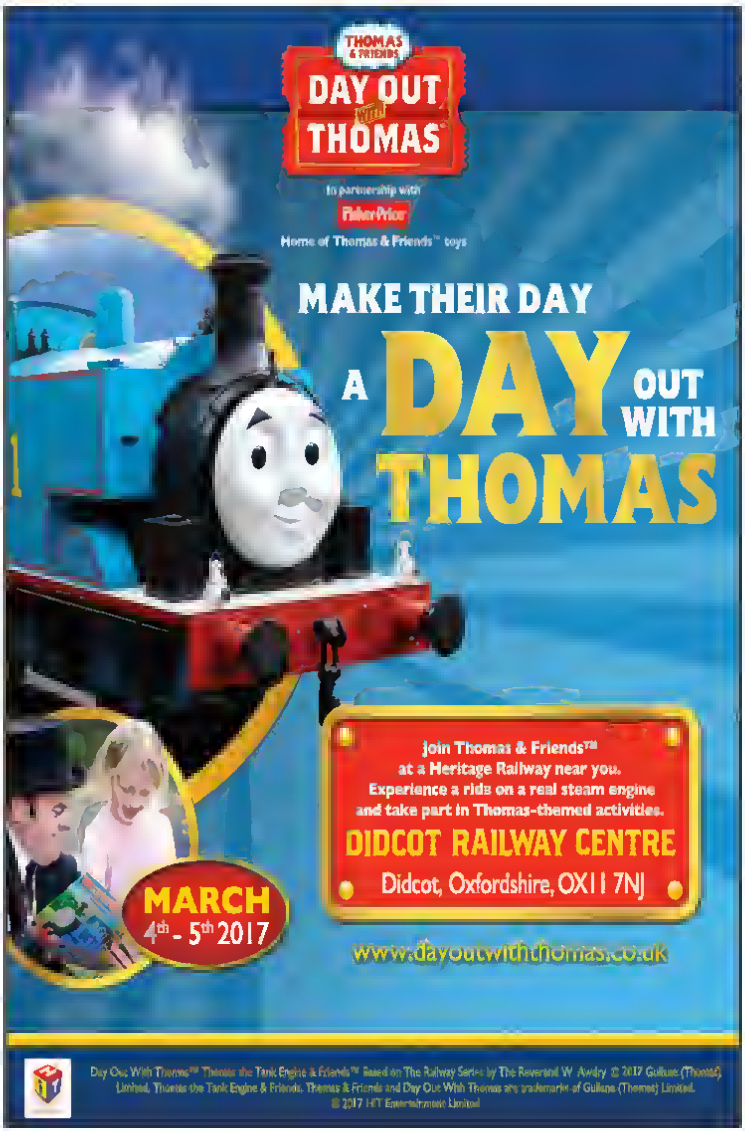
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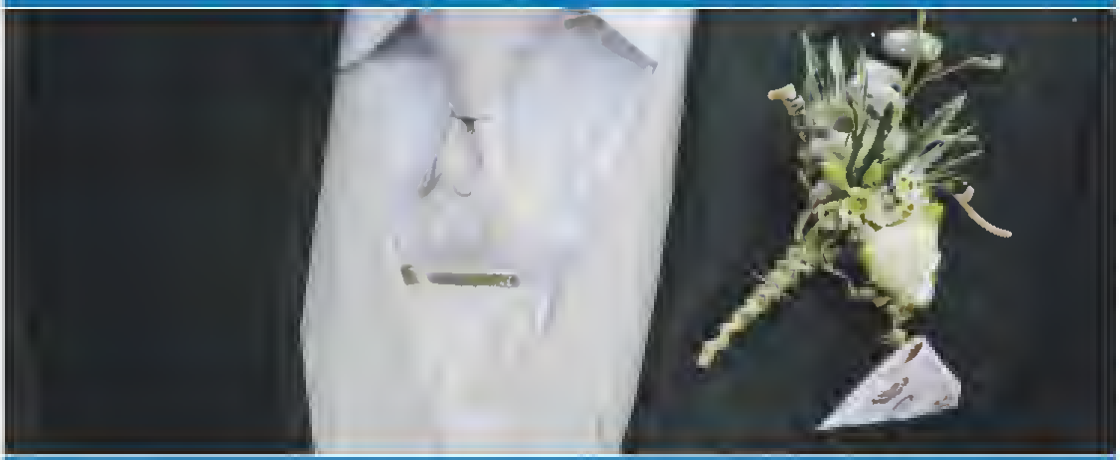

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The changing face of men's wedding attire

As we welcome in the New Year many freshly engaged couples post Christmas will start to make the first tentative steps to planning their wedding. One aspect of this will be the wedding suits 2017 looks like it will carry forward some the trends starting to emerge in 2016 I am expecting to see the following trends to increase in popularity

• The return of the bow tie. We started to see the rise in popularity of the bow tie in 2016 and this trend is set to continue into 2017 The bow tie offers a contemporary edgy look, when paired with a nice lounge suit, and works particularly well with the ever popular tweed wedding look.

• Braces – the return in popularity of the bow tie, has also been mirrored in the rise in demand for braces. When paired together the groom is able to achieve the ever popular country, vintage look that is proving so popular at the minute.

• Tweed – 2015 and 2016 saw a sharp rise in demand for tweed suits As barn weddings grew in popularity so too did the country tweed look. We have seen a large increase in the demand for lighter weight tweeds, suitable for wearing for summer weddings as well as plain herringbone tweeds for grooms looking to wear tweed, but not wanting to look like they have just stepped off the shooting ground.

• Slim fit Blue Lounge Suits – 2016 saw a surge in demand for brighter blue lounge suits This look is likely to prove popular in 2017 also We expect to see more wedding parties opt for a two piece lounge suit with a contrasting waistcoat rather than a matching three piece suit

• Brown Or Black Shoes – As sartorial rules on brown shoes seem to be relaxing, 2017 is no doubt going to see the continued rise in demand for brown wedding shoes. Both brown brogues and boots will continue to grow in popularity as more people opt away from formal wedding attire adopting the more relaxed look of lounge suits and tweed suits.

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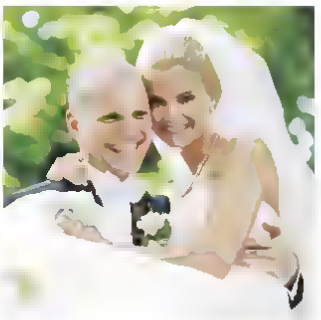

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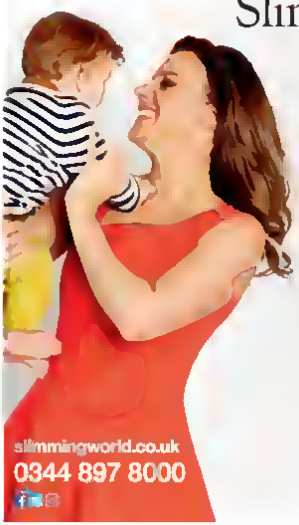

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Suzuki SX4 S-Cross 1.4 Boosterjet SZ5 ALLGRIP (AT)

By **Tony Yates**

THE S-Cross first went on sale in October 2013 as Suzuki's first 'C' segment crossover model. Now just over three years later, this major face lifted model has been introduced with a more distinctive and upright front and styling, along with a stronger and bolder road presence, slightly higher ground clearance and newly designed headlamps which all help provide a much sharper look. Also at the rear newly designed LED rear combination lamps are used to provide a cleaner and more contemporary style.

Power and efficiency

The 1.4 litre 140PS Direct Injection turbocharged (DITC) petrol engine is actually very compact and offers 220Nm of torque. Max speed comes in at around 124mph and it will do 0-62mph in 10.2 seconds. I also managed a combined fuel consumption of 48.2mpg.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is available on SZ-T and SZ5 models which gives you four driver-selectable modes for safe enjoyable driving on variety of surfaces. You could also argue that four wheel drive impacts on fuel efficiency – but Suzuki tells me that the ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions to be remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV.

On the road

I happen to like the way the S-Cross feels on the road. The steering is a little on the light side and it lacks in feel, but I am being very picky here as most people won't really notice this when using it day to day. Also, the Suzuki happily gets a move on when the need arises and on the motorway it was reasonably quiet at high speed.

The Suzuki ALLGRIP system incorporates feed forward control that anticipates slippage based no road surface, throttle position, steering angle and other factors. So rather than rear tire after grip is lost it controls the vehicle to prevent gripping lost which results in greater stability.

Design and tech

Some of the standard features fitted to the SZ-5 model I had on test included, ALLGRIP 4 wheel drive system, ABS with EBD & Brake Assist, ESP, Hill Hold Control, 7 airbags (driver front passenger side curtain & driver's knee), DAB digital radio with USB socket and steering wheel controls, Navigation system, 4 speakers & 2 tweeters, Bluetooth integrated audio unit, Engine Auto Stop Start system, Front & rear parking distance sensors, Rear parking camera, Cruise control with speed limiter, Dual zone automatic air conditioning, LED daytime running lights and 17" Alloy wheels (polished).

To Sum Up

The S-Cross is a decent car that does exactly what you need it to do. Also when you need it to move your family and their belongings around – it can easily become the load slugger you need it to be with very little effort. Plus all Suzuki models are covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty, one year AA Suzuki Assistance, providing 24-hour UK and European roadside assistance, recovery and associated services.

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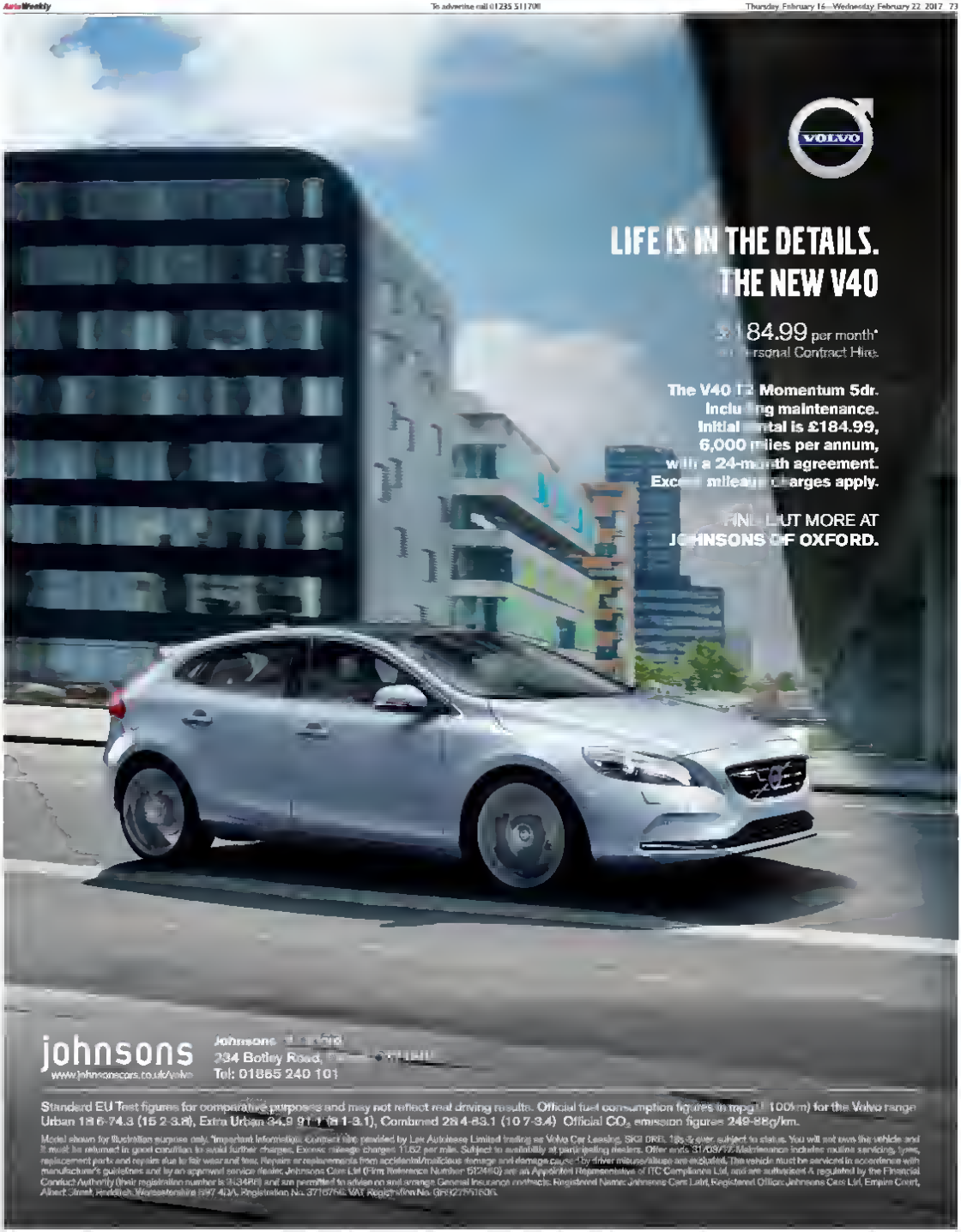

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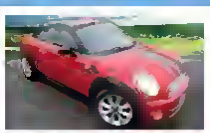

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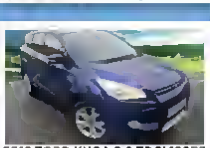

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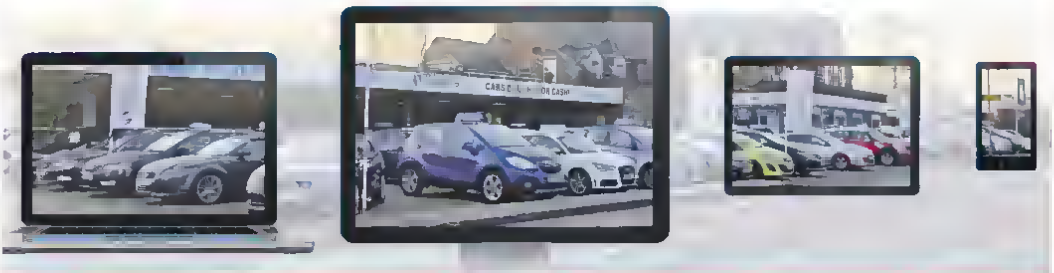

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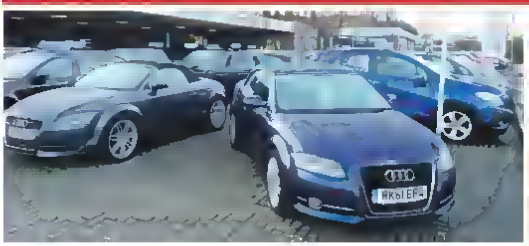

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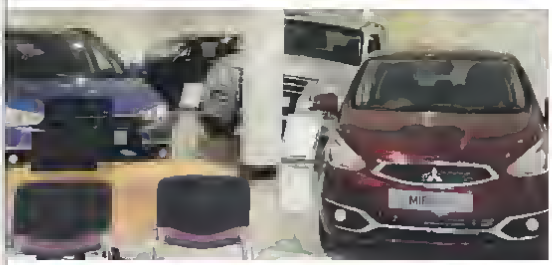
So who are Brayleys?

Established by Paul Brayley in 2003, this family owned business started with a single Honda franchise in St Albans and has since expanded to eight locations across Hertfordshire, North London, Essex, Buckinghamshire and now Oxfordshire for the first time. The company now represents six manufacturer brands, also including Honda, Mazda, Renault and Dacia, employing almost 200 staff. In 2013, Brayleys entered the national car dealer awards and beat hundreds of dealerships to the title of "UK New Dealership of the Year," for its Harpenden based Mazda franchise, which opened in 2012



One thing you'll be sure of when walking into Brayleys at Rose Hill is a friendly welcome. Customers are greeted at the new reception desk and are invited to have refreshments in the customer lounge, where there is also free WiFi. You'll notice signs saying, "Every customer is a welcome guest in our home – every day, every time, without fail, no exceptions." There's one on every desk because it's the focus on delivering good old-fashioned service that makes Brayleys stand out amongst car dealers.

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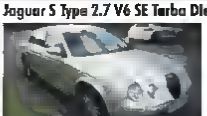

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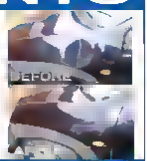

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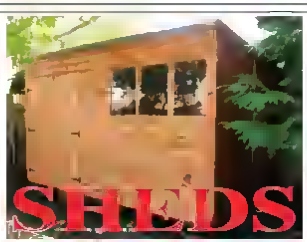

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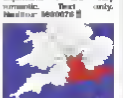

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World record attempt for Banbury Bull

A BANBURY inside centre has raised nearly £3,000 for charity as he hopes to break a world record when he and his work colleagues attempt to set a new world record for the longest rugby match

As well as setting a new Guinness World Record, fireman and Banbury Bull Jed Boyle will share money raised between the Fire Fighters Charity and the Children of Fallen Heroes Charity

Setting an initial target of £700 he has raised a whopping £2,940 so far

The match will be played at Sixways Stadium, home of Worcester Warriors from 8am on Friday May 12.

The Fire Fighters Charity supports fire fighters whether injured, ill or in need of psychological support to come to terms with the life and death situations they face on a daily basis

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Blues raring to go

OXFORD RL are preparing to take on Coventry Bears in the seasoo opener as the new campaign kicks off with cup action on Saturday

The League 1 Cup fixture brings pre-season preparations to a close for League 1 teams and both squads will have a number of debutants on show

Blues coach Tim Rumford and Bears boss Tom Tsang will be looking for solid performances to get their seasons up and running.

The Blues host the M40 derby as the Bears visit Tilsley Park on Saturday with a 2pm kick off.

Oxford finished three places and seven points behind their visitors on Saturday in the Kingstone Press League 1 last season.

The Blues won at this stage last seasoo beating Hemel Stags 34-12 only to lose 54-14 to Keighley Cougars in the second round.

Rumford's side's first league fixture is on March 5 when they host the Stags, who were the only team to finish below Oxford last year

Oxford won one and lost one of their pre-season warm up matches

Smith happy with progress as new challenge begins

* Bradley Smith testing for his new team, KTM (Picture from Gold and Goose)

By George Welch

OXFORD MotoGP driver Bradley Smith says he is encouraged by his start at his new team as preparations for the oew season get under way

After representing Tech3 at both Moto2 and MotoGP since 2011, Smith, alongside his Yamaha team-mate Pol Espargaro joined new team Red Bull KTM for their debut season.

The pair wrapped up official International Road Racing Teams Association (IRTA) tests on the Malaysian circuit of Sepang at the start of the month ahead of next month s season opener in Qatar

KTM said that apart from a small low side crash by Espargaro, which did not result in any damage to the bike or rider the test "went smoothly and without incident."

Smith said the early signs for the energy drink-funded team are positive.

The 26-year-old said. "I think during these three days we did what we had to do When I felt comfortable we went faster and we didn't rush anything

"We worked through our programme step-by-step and we tried not to make any mistakes That's important at this point in time because development is crucial.

"Let s say we tried 12 new things and 11 were positive and that's nire for it to happen here in Sepang.

"I think we certainly have a clear indication. The team has worked fantastically

"Everybody has made really good progress during these three days on tires suspension, electronics and chassis. t think everyone can be proud."

Team manager Mike Leitner said the riders "did a super job" and added. "We should be really happy because we know where we are and we ll keep pushing.

"Everyone was here and everyone was pushing. The other manufacturers have a lot nf experience an this track and it s one of the most difficult an the calendar"

Smith continued his extensive testing of the braud new RC16 KTM at Philip Island Australia yesterday

These are crucial test sessions for the Austrian team before the start of their five year campaign to win the MotoGP World Championship

The first race takes place in Qatar on March 26.

Draw and win add to Stars' unbeaten run

OXFORD City Stars left it late to rescue a point against Solent Devils to continue their resurgent form.

The Stars, now unbeaten in four and only tasting defeat once in the last seven matches, drew 3-3 at the Devils on Sunday having thrashed Milton Keynes Thunder 8-1 at the Oxford Ire Rink the day before.

A Jaroslav Cesky hat trick and a Joshua Oliver double helped Oxford on their way to their joint highest win of the season.

The dynamic duo both netted twice within 35 minutes and Jess Lye added another to give Simon Anderson s improving side a 5 0 lead going into the final period.

Tom Mboys pulled one back for MK but Joshua Florey Michael Willock and Cesky's third completed the rout.

And on Sunday it took an Alan Green strike seven minutes from time to earn a share of the spoils in a ding-dong battle at the Gosport Ice Arena.

Joe Edwards and Dominic Hopkins also scored for the Stars, who had to battle back from 3-1 down.

The final five minutes saw both teams create chances and it took a superb stick save from Annetts to preserve the hard earned point for the Stars.

Oxford, who have five matches remaining and are in mid table, travel to MK on Sunday where they will be aiming to repeat Saturday's performance

Oxford City Star Ben Lack (Picture from @OxfordCityStars)

* Lottie James with her haul of medals

Abingdon Vale makes waves at county championships

ABINGDON Vale Swimming Club (AVSC) is celebrating a large haul of gold medals following an impressive county championship swim this month.

Between them, AVSC's swimmers carried home eight gold, 10 silver and eight bronze medals, and finished fifth at the ONB County Championships overall.

An impressive 18 swimmers achieved finalist status while most swimmers achieved personal best times and many gained regional qualification.

Stand out swimmer Lottie James delivered winning swims across all four strokes in distances from 50-400m. The 13-year old finished her 2017 county campaign with six golds two silver and one bronze.

Amanda Ford, AVSC head coach said. "Once again, the AVSC team had great success at the county championship with the whole team performing to the highest level."

Other swimmers to catch the eye included 11-year-old Bethan Lillstone who competing in her first county championships, achieved an impressive six top eight places.

Meanwhile 13-year-old Seb Rawes achieved two gold, two silver and one bronze medals

In the extremely competitive open category, 16 year-old Lauren James qualified for five finals, and first time county competitors Joseph Bradshaw and Scott Yap bagged top eight placings and regional qualifications

Late leveller as City get second draw in a week

By Adam Flinn

A LATE equaliser prevented Oxford City from securing all three points in their rearranged fixture against Bath on Tuesday night

Reece Fleet s tap in had given the hosts the lead, but they had to settle for a draw as Andy Watkins squeezed the ball home in stoppage time.

It comes after City also had to share the spoils in their match away to Wealdstone on Saturday which also ended 1 1

Tuesday s rearranged game came after the original date fell foul of the weather and saw a quiet start with no notable opportunities for either side in the first quarter of an hour

City s first chance came as Fleet were gifted a free effort from eight yards out which only just went over the bar

Bath came close to taking the lead in the 29th minute as a short corner routine led to a low ball at the near post, which was scrambled away by the City defence

There weren t many more chances in the first half, but coming out after the break Bath forced two excellent saves out of Craig Hill.

City finally broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute as Scott Davies free kick was weakly punched away by Bath keeper Max O Leary the half landing directly at Fleet s feet for an easy tap in.

They nearly doubled their advantage in fortuitous circumstances as Wilson Carvalho s low strike kicked up off the uneven turf, and was just about knocked behind by O Leary

Bath pushed for the equaliser in the closing stages, which duly came in injury time as Watkins fired home from a tight angle following a corner to earn his side a point.

It was a different story in Saturday s match as Wealdstone were in front inside the first five minutes as debutant Joshua Walker fired confidently past Hill.

Davies almost equalised moments later as his free kick was narrowly headed over

It sparked a run of pressure from City and while both sides had their chances in the remainder of the half it stayed 1 0 to the hosts at the break.

• Kaiman Anderson celebrates his goal on his debut against Wealdstone (Picture by Michael Allen)

However the leveller came soon afterwards as Kaiman Anderson finished from close range for a well-earned goal in his first game for the Blues

Again both sides had chances to take the lead in the rest of the game, and it was Wealdstone who came closest in the final stages and caused the City defence some headaches but they held on for a draw

City are 14th in the National League South standings after Tuesday s fixtures with 33 points nine clear of Whitehawk in the relegation zone

Their next match is at home to Hemel Hempstead Town this Saturday

Dwindling Diddy beaten by Taunton

A DEPLETED Didcot Town suffered a heavy 3-0 defeat at play-off hopefuls Taunton Town on Saturday

The Railwaymen travelled to the in-form Peacocks missing their number one goalkeeper, new striker two ill players and their manager while still searching for their first win of 2017

Taunton dominated most of the first half and were rewarded on the half-hour mark when Owen Irish nodded home to open the scoring.

Didcot weren't without their chances in the first half though, most notably when a Taunton clearance on the edge of the penalty area struck an advancing Callum McNish, whose rebound forced a scrambled save from Peacocks stopper Lloyd Irish.

Diddy were always fighting an uphill battle due to the absence of Leigh Bedwell and George Peacock, both of whom were missing through suspension, while Nick Thorne and Louis Joyce were struck with illness and manager Andy Ballard was suffering from concussion.

The second half began with Taunton still in dominant mood. However, Didcot, who are winless on the road since November, had more spells of dominance and grew with confidence but were still unable to properly test the Taunton goalkeeper

Taunton sealed the three points with a double blow through two headers within five minutes of each other

Striker Matt Wright headed in both goals to put the Somerset side out of reach, with his first on 64 minutes and his second on 69 minutes.

Wade show Banbury no love with last-minute winning goal

THERE was late heartbreak for Banbury United as they conceded a 92nd minute winner to lose 2-1 at Biggleswade Town on Saturday

United midfielder Jack Sell scored his second goal in two games on 41 minutes to cancel out a 32nd minute Gavin Hoyte strike, but, just as it looked as if the points would be shared Town midfielder Robbie Parker snuck a winner for the hosts two minutes into stoppage time.

Banbury remain in sixth spot and in play-off contention despite their latest defeat meaning they have lost three of their last four matches.

Biggleswade always looked the more likely to make the break through in the early stages and they duly did so just after the half hour

A corner from the Waders led to an almighty scramble in the box and Hoyte eventually got the final touch to knock the ball home.

Banbury had been second best for the first half hour but they responded positively to going behind and were back on level terms before half time

A Marvin Martin free kick was only cleared out as far as Self, whose 15-yard effort hit the back of the net after taking a deflection off a defender

But Banbury were dealt a sucker punch when a cross from the right found Parker to head the ball home from six yards to earn Biggleswade all three points.

United will be looking to bounce back when they host mid-table Wey mouth who have lost their last two, on Saturday

• Banbury players celebrate Jack Self's equaliser (Picture by E.A Barson Photography)

Millers continue play-off charge

A GOAL in each half saw North Leigh secure a massive three points against play off rivals Winchester City

The Millers enhanced their play off hopes and doused their opponents chances in a closely fought contest on a heavy Eynsham Park pitch.

Winchester, who had won their previous three matches were undone by a first half own goal and a second half header from top scorer George Seacole.

Leigh, who recently lost Bradley Gray to third-placed Evesham United made the breakthrough against the run of play on 27 minutes after good work by Roger James

His low cross was missed by keeper Lewis Noice but hit the unfortunate right back Olly Searle and trickled over the line for an own goal

The Millers doubled their lead with a simple but well executed goal on 52 minutes when Michael Hopkins clipped a right foot cross over two central defenders to the far post where Seacole nodded the ball past Noice.

The Millers, undefeated in eight games since December 26, have won their last three matches and travel to 17th placed Barnstaple Town on Saturday

Wantage Town finally won their first home game of the season with a 2-1 win over Barnstaple Town at Alfredian Park.

The Freds secured their first win in Wantage at the 16th time of asking thanks to goals from Mark Francis and Jack Powell.

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Promotion chasers Southend halt U's five-game winning run

• Simon Eastwood's athletic dive can't stop the second goal from Theo Robinson (Picture by Steve Daniels)

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By George Welch

IN FORM Oxford United had their impressive five game winning streak halted by play-off hunting Southend on Tuesday night

Having won eight of their previous nine matches – including a late win over MK Dons on Saturday – a win against Southend would have elevated the U s into play-off contention themselves

But two second half goals from Marc Antoine Fortune and Theo Robinson gave the visiting Shrimpers a valuable three points on the road to condemn United to just their second home defeat since October

• Tjai Morrison and Angus Fardinand jubilate after the ball

Both sides produced decent football in what was a very tight game and, following such an impressive run fighting on three fronts and the prospect of the FA Cup fifth round on Saturday, Michael Appleton won t be too hard on his players.

United's best chance of the night came on 26 minutes when Chey Dunkley thundered a corner against the right-hand post after he eluded Southend's defenders from a set-piece.

But Southend, who posed a continual threat on the counter are a bogey team for the U s and they duly took the lead on 62 minutes.

Southend right back Jason Demetriou was given too much space as he surged forward to pick out a perfect cross for Fortune who headed home from 10 yards

It was a simple enough finish but it spurred United into a renewed effort to find a way past that stubborn Southend back line

But, with just two minutes remaining, Robinson smartly peeled away from the goal-line to head in a Luke O'Neill corner to secure maximum points for the visitors.

United left it late on Saturday to snatch a last gasp winner against MK Dons who visited Oxford for the first time in their history

In another tense and evenly matched contest, Kane Hemmings nodded in a Rob Hall cross two minutes from time to earn the three points and to leapfrog their visitors

There was still time following the late winner for MK captain Darren Potter to be sent off and for Chris Maguire to miss a penalty

Earlier on, as is so often the case, the U's needed a big save from goalkeeper Simon Eastwood.

On this occasion, the stopper who has just signed a new

Late strike falls short for United's Women as they are beaten by Everton in league opener

A LAST minute Ini Umotong goal was not enough for Oxford United Women, who opened their league campaign with a 2-1 defeat at home to Everton Ladies.

United were beaten twice by Everton last season and fared little better in the new management team's first league game in charge in the Spring Series on Sunday

New boss Karl Milgate saw his side, which is mostly unchanged from last year, lose their season opener 2 0 at Coventry in the FA Cup the previous week.

And they fell behind again early on against Everton when the visitors took the lead in the 13th minute.

Simone Magill waltzed into the United area unopposed and, although Riva Casley got down well to block her initial effort the Everton striker reacted quickest to poke in the rebound But otherwise the U s shackled their guests without creating much themselves

Yet there was little United could do to keep out a more fired up Everton side after the break when Kelly Jones hammered hope the visitor's second three minutes into the second half.

The margin could have been greater if the visitors had been able to finish their chances with Emily Hollinshead, Michelle Hennigan and Milgate all guilty of missing chances

Oxford had offered little going forward but isolated striker Umotong showed why she was WSL 2 player of the year last season with two minutes left to play

Last season's league top scorer seized on a hopeful ball forward, outpaced two Everton defenders and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom corner

But the goal came too late for the Yellows to stage a comeback and they opened their season with a narrow defeat

• Oxford United Women have lost both their matches so far this season (Picture from @OfficialOUWFC)

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• Chris Maguire out jumps former Yellow George Baldock in the game against MK Dons on Saturday

• Rob Hall is brought down by Danny Potter

• Phil Edwards prepares to cross

New deal for U's number 1

• Simon Eastwood in action stopping a shot (Picture by Steve Daniels)

contract at the club, kept out the Dons' best chance when the 27-year-old denied Chuks Aneke on three minutes

The former Blackburn Rovers keeper dived to his left to somehow keep out a powerful low drive from the ex-Arsenal youngster

After a forgettable first half the second resumed with little rhythm.

But United turned up the heat on a freezing afternoon when a Hall cross found Hemmings in the box, who is developing a knack for being in the right place at the right time, whose flicked header was placed to perfection to give United the lead

There was still time for MK midfielder Potter to trip Hall in the penalty area with a tired tackle to collect his second yellow card on 95 minutes.

But David Martin made a double save to keep out Maguire from 12 yards whose two penalty misses this year are the first two he has missed in his career

The U's now face four consecutive away matches, starting with Premier League Middlesbrough in the FA Cup on Saturday

Back in the league, United take on Charlton and Chesterfield before playing Luton in the Checkatrade Trophy

• Chris Maguire is felled on the edge of the penalty area by Ed Upson

OXFORD United's shot stopper Simon Eastwood has signed a new longer-term deal with the club after impressing since joining the club last summer

Arguably the signing of the season for the U's, Eastwood has been in great form all season, establishing himself as number one and becoming a firm favourite with the fans

The 27-year-old signed the new two year deal on Monday to keep him at the Kassam until the end of the 2018/19 season.

He told the club website "I'm really happy to have got it all sorted and he committing my future to the club

"It has gone very well so far and I am enjoying my football.

"I have a young family so you are always looking for a bit of security for the future but it was all very straightforward because I feel as though this is a club on the up at the moment and I want to be a part of that over the next few years."

United head coach Michael Appleton, who has signed the keeper three times in his career said, "Obviously I rate Easty

"He needed a run of games as first choice and has taken that opportunity and got better and better as the season has gone on

"He is still fairly young in terms of goalkeepers and I am sure there is still more to come from him.

"It is great that we will see that in an Oxford shirt."

Eastwood joined United last summer from Blackburn Rovers agreeing an initial one-year contract with a clause that would trigger an extra 12 months if he started 30 games in the league

He reached that milestone against Southend on Tuesday

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Join Bicester Village at the John Paul II Centre in Bicester on Tuesday 28 February, from 4 pm until 6.30 pm. We are looking for candidates who can bring passion to a luxury, fast-moving retail environment. A number of boutiques and restaurants are seeking enthusiastic candidates who would like a new challenge or are looking to return to work. Retail experience is not essential – but passion is.

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